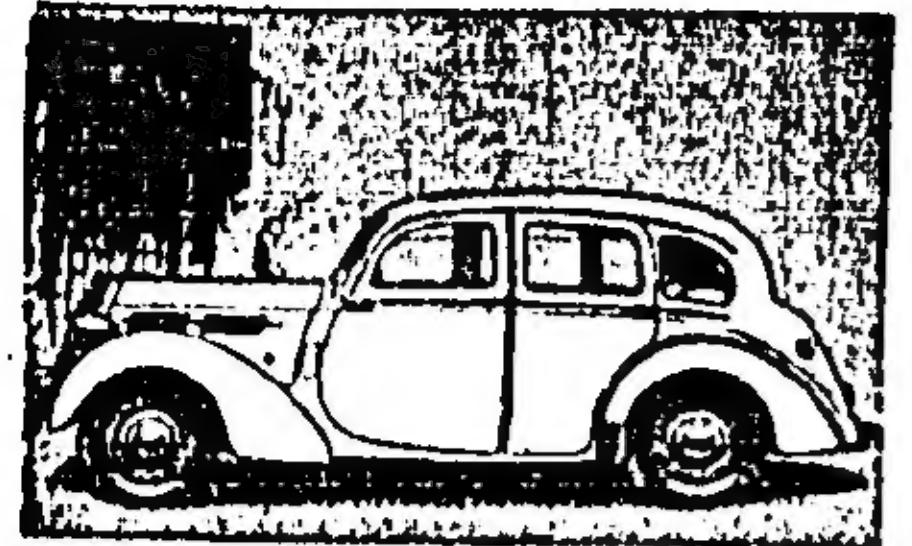


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HUNGARIANS SEND ULTIMATUM

BORDER TENSION GROWS AS NEW CLASH REPORTED

PRAGUE, Jan. 8.
IT IS STATED THAT AN ULTIMATUM HAS BEEN PRESENTED BY THE HUNGARIANS TO THE CARPATHO-UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT.

The ultimatum demands that the Basilej monastery, which is situated in Carpatho-Ukrainian territory, be turned over to Hungary, and threatens, in the event of refusal, to resort to force.

The time limit of the ultimatum expired to-night.—Trans-Ocean.

HUNGARIANS FIRE ON FLAG OF TRUCE

PRAGUE, Jan. 8.
A NEW SHOOTING incident of a serious nature occurred to-day near Ungvar, when, according to a semi-official Ukrainian report, Hungarian irregulars crossed the frontier this morning near the village of Douhe, and attacked Czechoslovak frontier guards.

Following 30 minutes of fighting, during which time numerous shots were fired, the Hungarians withdrew from Czechoslovak territory.

The Czechoslovak liaison officer, Lieut. Novotny, and Corporal Franz Hacha, then approached the scene of the incident, bearing white armlets, and carrying a white flag, to establish contact with Hungarian officers, and to ascertain the reason for the clash.

As they appeared in the village street at Douhe, they were fired upon by the Hungarians, Corporal Hacha receiving serious wounds in the chest, and Lieut. Novotny having his coat pierced by a bullet.

Several other frontier incidents of a less serious nature have also been reported from various points on the Carpatho-Ukrainian-Hungarian border, Hungarians having in most cases, according to Ukrainian report, attacked frontier guards.

HUNGARIAN COMMUNIQUE

Budapest, Jan. 8.
A message from Budapest quotes a semi-official Hungarian communiqué regarding to-day's clash between Hungarians and Czechoslovakians near Ungvar. The communiqué claims that a band of about 200 Ukrainian terrorists started the fight by attacking Hungarian frontier guards. The aggressors were stopped by the guards and compelled to retreat. Reinforcements were summoned from Munkacs, but were not put into action.

Frontier officials immediately began investigation into the affair, but even while this was going on, occasional firing from the Czech side continued. It is further stated that no Hungarian casualties resulted from the incident.—Trans-Ocean.

Ex-Secretary Libels Mr. X

AUTHOR, journalist and music critic, Mr. Cesar Sacchinger, of Queen Anne Street, W., complained in the King's Bench Division recently that he had been libeled by a former woman secretary.

In March, 1937, explained counsel, Mr. Sacchinger received an anonymous postcard drawing his attention to a book called "Under Five Eagles."

He found it had been written as an autobiography by Miss Lola Kinel, who had been his secretary in Berlin for a few months in 1922.

The book (continued counsel) contained a scurrilous attack on Mr. Sacchinger, although referring to him as "Mr. X."

Miss Kinel was not joined as a defendant because it appeared that she was married and was now living in America. Her married name was not given.

In this country the book was published by Putnam and Co., Ltd., and printed by Wyman and Sons, Ltd. They were the defendants and they had agreed to pay Mr. Sacchinger a substantial sum of damages and a sum in respect of his costs. They had withdrawn their imputations and expressed their regret.

The record in the case was withdrawn on the terms agreed.

PRAGUE, Jan. 8.

THE ACTIVITIES OF CHINESE SOLDIERS and marauding bands of armed guerrillas along the railway lines leading out of Shanghai have prompted the Japanese military to take drastic precautions against this type of operation. Strongly built pillboxes have been built on the railway stations and along the track of the Shanghai-Nanking railway as a protective measure. Shown in the picture is a brick pillbox erected at Wuhsien Station and guarded by Japanese soldiers.

Warplanes Sold By Fraud

ISTANBUL, Jan. 8.
The alleged purchase of 50 American and Canadian warplanes on the Turkish Government's account through forged signatures, and their sale to the Loyalist Government in Spain, appears in the newspapers to-day.

An official of the Turkish Foreign Ministry is stated to be under arrest at Ankara, and that another Turk has been detained in France.—Reuters.

WORLD SHOW IN HYDE PARK SUGGESTED

AN international exhibition in Hyde Park in 1946 or 1947 to which all the nations of the world would be invited is suggested by Sir Cecil Weir, chairman of the Glasgow Empire Exhibition.

"I believe this would be of immeasurable value in helping to improve international relations," Sir Cecil said.

"In six months the Glasgow Exhibition attracted 12,500,000 visitors. I believe an international exhibition in the heart of London would be visited by more than 50,000,000, and possibly by 100,000,000 people.

"All the nations taking part would be given free sites and would build their own exhibits.

£5,000,000 BILL

"I have not gone into the financial question but, at a guess, I should say the cost to this country would be in the region of £5,000,000.

"Wembley is too far away from the centre of London for such an exhibition. Hyde Park seems to me to be the ideal site.

"By international arrangement we like, and must notify our intention of holding one in a certain year. This is to avoid overlapping.

"There are the New York World Fair next year and the Rome Exhibition in 1940-41. . . . It would take five years to prepare for the kind of exhibition I have in mind."

VITAL CONTACTS

Sir Granville Gibson, M.P., president of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, welcomed Sir Cecil Weir's suggestion.

"There is no doubt," he said, "that such an exhibition would be good for international friendship and for business relationships. Personal contact, in my opinion, is vital, and such an attraction in the heart of the Empire would be of great value."

An official of the Travel and Industrial Development Association of Great Britain and Ireland said his organisation would support such an exhibition.

R.A.F. Mission For Australia

London, Jan. 8.
It is announced that, on the invitation of the Australian Government, a mission from the United Kingdom will visit Australia in the near future for the purpose of examining in consultation with representatives of the Australian Government, the possibility of the creation of the further capacity for the production of aircraft in the Commonwealth, and to prepare a scheme for the consideration of both governments.

The mission will consist of Sir Hardman Lever, who was a member of the recent mission to Canada, Col. Sir Donald Banks, and Air Marshal Arthur Longmore.

The mission will be assisted by experts, and will proceed to Australia shortly.

It is learned that the object of the mission is to establish a scheme similar to the Canadian plan. However, it is pointed out that the construction of aircraft in Canada is purely for the supply of aircraft to Great Britain, whereas the Australian scheme will be purely for supplying planes for the Australian air force.—Reuters.

New German Warship Goes Into Service

Wilhelmshaven, Jan. 8.
The 20,000-ton battleship, Scharnhorst, was officially put into service to-day.

The Scharnhorst, launched on October 8, 1936, is the first German battleship to be built since the war. It carries nine 11-inch guns and four planes.

Numerous representatives of the State, Nazi Party, and defence forces took part in to-day's ceremony.—Reuters.

WHAT CZECHS LOST IN SEPT. CRISIS

PRAGUE, Jan. 8.
THE OFFICIAL STATISTICAL BUREAU has published official data on the new Czechoslovakia.

The area of the Republic now comprises 60,347 square miles. 24,597 square miles were surrendered to other countries after the conference in Munich on September 29.

Of this Germany received 17,208; 7,104 went to Hungary and Poland received 651.

Of the three parts of the new federal state; Slovakia, Carpatho-Russia and the historical unit of Moravia-Silesia-Bohemia; Slovakia is administratively the largest. It has an area of 23,073 square miles, Moravia-Silesia has 10,152 square miles and Carpatho-Russia 6,658 square miles. Moravia-Silesia-Bohemia which to-day are combined in a political unit altogether have an area of 29,617 square miles—49 per cent. of the area of the entire country. The present territory of Czechoslovakia comprises 70.4 per cent. of the territory it occupied before Munich.

Through Munich, Czechoslovakia lost 4,922,140 people. She has to-day a population of 8,017,096—60.0 per cent. of the original population. The "Historical Lands"—Moravia-Silesia-Bohemia, now contain 6,894,876 people—more than two-thirds of the entire population. Slovakia has 2,450,000 and Carpatho-Russia 352,124.

The numbers of the various nationalities in Czechoslovakia is as follows:

Czechs	6,453,857
Slovaks	2,055,802
Russians	512,289
Germans	377,830
Hungarians	100,370
Jews	126,310
Polks	4,157
Others	31,949

The nationalities are resident in the separate parts of Czechoslovakia as follows:

The Moravia-Silesia-Bohemia (The Historical Lands):

Czechs	6,453,857
Russians	512,289
Germans	234,798
Hungarians	8,705
Polks	3,208
Jews	21,324
Others	1,839

These figures were compiled by the statistical bureau on the basis of the census of 1930.

Since Slovakia and the Historical Lands were at that time considered as political one unit, the Slovaks living in the Lands and the Czechs living in Slovakia were counted as Czechs and Slovaks respectively. A certain degree of vagueness thus

exists in the figures.

To Germany—8,017,096 people, whereof 2,822,000 are Germans, 738,502 are Czechs and 6,059 are Jews.

To Hungary—902,406 people, whereof 587,002 are Magyars, 200,803 are Slovaks, 51,570 Jews, 33,201 Ruthenians and 13,009 are Germans.

To Poland—230,202 people whereof only 30 per cent. 70,303 are Poles. The rest is composed of 134,311 Czechs, 17,351 Germans and 2,098 Jews.

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The entire population loss of Czechoslovakia can be classified as follows:

Prince Paul In Rumania

BUCHAREST, Jan. 8.
PRINCE PAUL of Yugoslavia arrived at Transylvania to-day on a visit to King Carol, who is with a shooting party there.

Foreign diplomats expressed the belief that King Carol and Prince Paul are eager to exchange views on matters relating to the coming visit of Count Ciano to Belgrade.

It is believed Italy will seek to be the referee or peacemaker between her friends—Hungary on the one hand, and Yugoslavia and Rumania on the other hand at the expense of Germany.—Reuters.

Grover Brings Wife Home

LONDON, Jan. 8.
Brian Grover and his wife arrived in London to-day, completing their journey from Moscow.

Grover's former employer stated to-day that his job had been kept for him.—Reuters.

Grover is the Prince Charming of raffishland come to life. Recently he flew to Moscow without a passport or visa, after these had been denied him by the Russian authorities in London, in an attempt to free his Russian-born wife, whom he had not seen for four years, and whom, he understood, was in prison.

When he was indicted before a Russian court for entering the country without a passport, he made an impassioned appeal, vowing that his adventure was motivated by nothing but love for his wife. As a result he was freed, his wife allowed to renounce her Russian citizenship and released from prison, and the two were permitted to leave the country to return to England. This they did during the week-end, travelling via Warsaw.

Daladier Returns To Paris

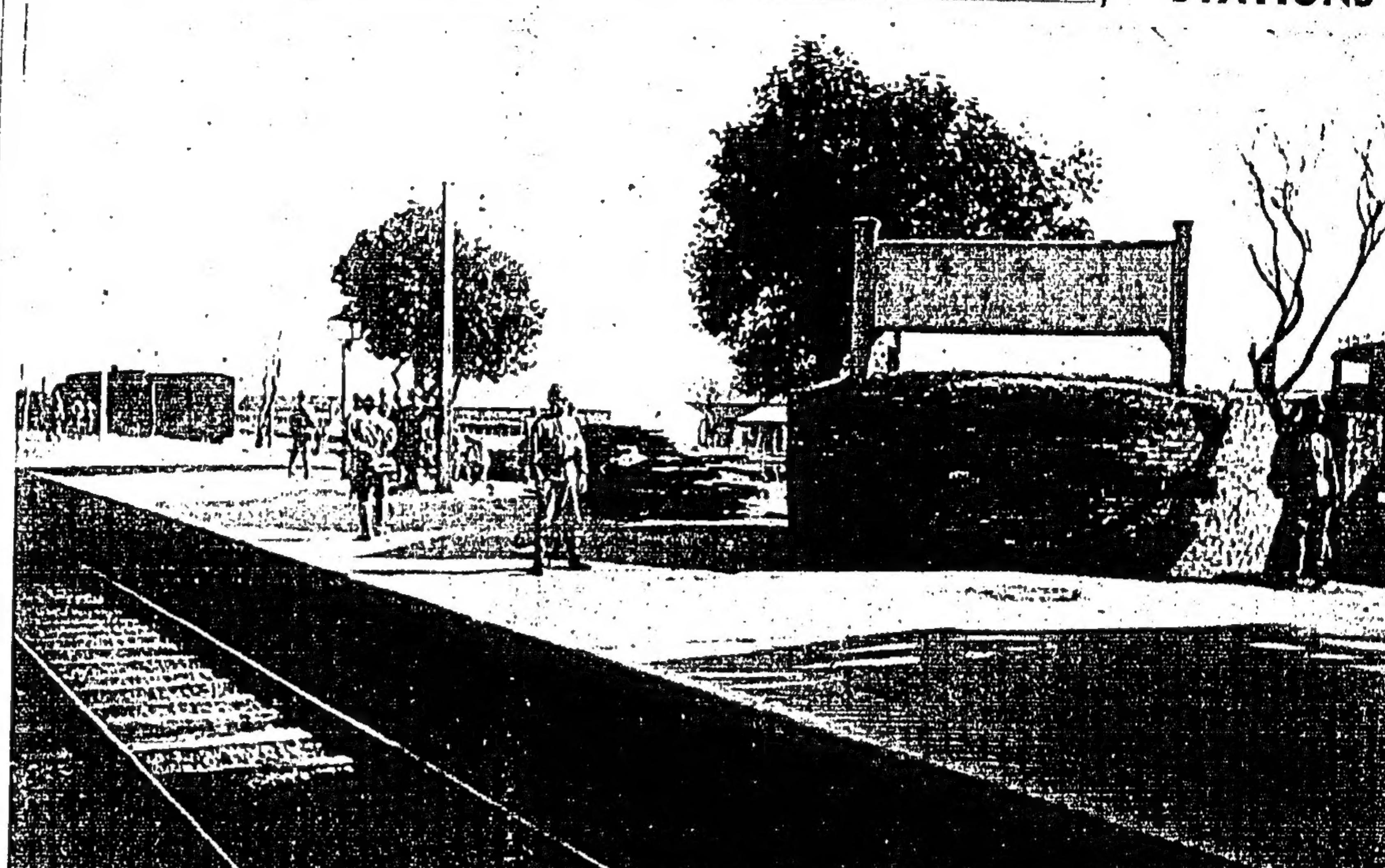
Paris, Jan. 8.
The French Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, arrived here to-day from his African tour.

He visited M. Albert Lebrun, the French President, to report to him on his visit, and according to an official communiqué, the President expressed to M. Daladier the gratitude of the French republic for his services in its interests.

Meanwhile an attack on the road junction at Agramunt is proceeding simultaneously from the west and north-west, and the insurgents are now only a few miles from that town.

A strong concentration of Loyalist troops in the centre manifestly only served the purpose of enabling the rebels to capture the town.

PILLBOXES GUARD RAILWAY STATIONS



BITTER FIGHTING ON TWO SPANISH FRONTS

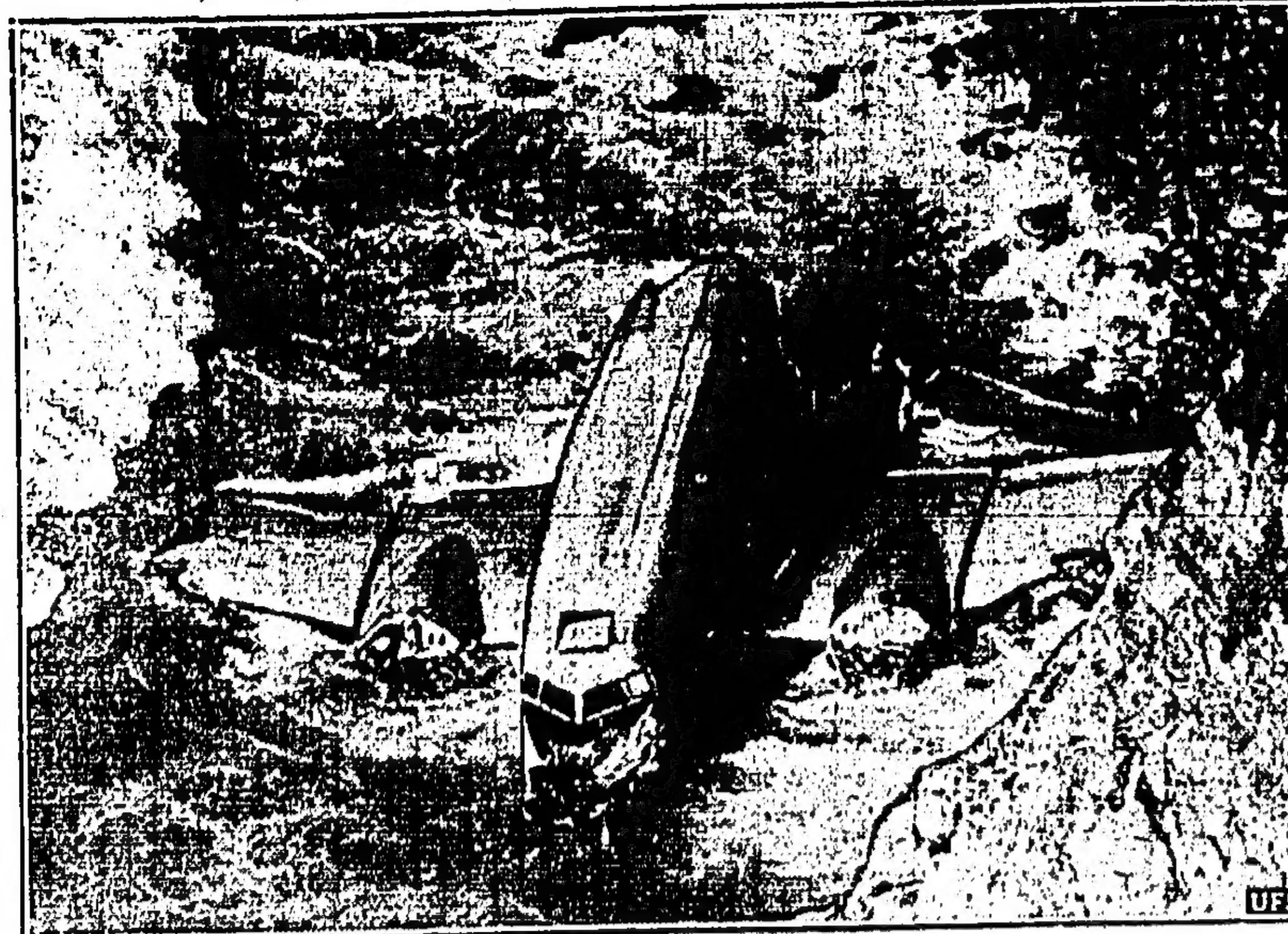
SARAGOSSA, Jan. 8.

THE INSURGENT OFFENSIVE in Catalonia was carried forward on Saturday, according to the testimony of war correspondents with the Insurgent troops.

In the northern sector, the Insurgents attacked a few miles south of Artesa de Segre, which is situated to the south-east of Tremp and to the north-east of Galageur, and captured several strategically important positions in the valley of the river Sio.

Airliner Crashes

JUDGE ON WHEN A BANK SHOULD TELL Doctor's Wife Fails In Suit



Here is the wreck of the luxurious United Air Lines transport plane being battered to pieces by the surf at the foot of a cliff near San Francisco. Pilot Charles Stead and Isadore R. Edelstein, a passenger, were rescued but five others perished in the surf. A maze of radio signals, which confused the pilot, was blamed.

Inside Germany

DO NAZI HENS LAY EGGS? Riddle For Housewives

BERLIN.

DO German hens lay eggs? This is the puzzle which Berlin housewives are trying to solve at present.

Women stand in egg queues dozens of times in a month. As a rule, at the end of a ten-minute to half an hour wait, they obtain two eggs, although sometimes the stock gives out before they reach the head of the queue.

But they never get a German egg. They collect Finnish eggs, Dutch, Lithuanian, Hungarian, Argentine and Bulgarian eggs, some alleged to be new laid, others frankly from cold storage. If German hens have not gone on strike, what is being done with their eggs?

SHOPPING TRICKS

It is no light task keeping house in Berlin. Not only is there the long wait for eggs but there is the daily pilgrimage to the butter shop for the day's ration—if you miss a day you cannot get two days' supply the next time, it is lost for good.

Then there are bewildering shortages of all sorts of things. One day there are no onions, another no carrots. It may need visits to a dozen shops or stalls to get the ingredients of one dish.

There are all sorts of tricks to be learned. You must know never to ask openly for eggs, butter, oranges or onions if there are none on show. You must buy a few pounds of apples or cabbage or something, and then when no one is looking you open your mouth egg wise and whisper.

A mysterious packet is handed to you if you are lucky, and you find when you get home that it has two eggs in it.

PRICES STABLE

Mysterious signs must be learned for other products which are short. But there is one good thing. However great the shortage may be prices do not vary.

Nor must one get the wrong impression that the German people are starving—there is plenty of food to be had, but one cannot always have just what one wants at the time.

The quality of many goods is also extremely low. Apples, for instance, are to be had in plenty—but small, scrubby looking fruit which would hardly find a place in the "specified fruit basket" in a London market are only to be obtained for 6d. per pound.

The explanation of this is simple. Germany cannot buy the perfect Canadian, American or South African fruit as she has not the foreign currency needed, but she gets her fruit by bartering manufactured goods for them, from the Balkan lands.

NEWS FROM HOME BROKE HER HEART

HERN ORNSTEIN and his Jewish wife fled to England in June from "Aryanised" Vienna—but recently he sat alone and silent, rocking himself in a chair in a flat in Shoot-up Hill, N.W. His wife had gassed herself when she heard her two brothers had been arrested by Nazis.

Already deaf, Herr Ornstein seems to have lost the power of speech since the funeral.

For the first two or three months in England he and his wife were happy in their freedom, though he had to leave behind him all his possessions after resigning a £1,000-a-year post as sales manager of a firm company.

They stayed with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Veit.

LOST THEIR JOBS

News that her younger brother, Martin, an actor, was likely to leave Vienna for Hollywood through the influence of his friend, Max Reinhardt, the theatrical producer, cheered Frau Ornstein.

Then she learned that her brother Theodore had been sent to a concentration camp at Dachau, that the husbands of her two married sisters in Vienna had lost their jobs and that her widowed sister would lose the two Vienna properties on the interest of which she lived.

Then she had more news from Vienna. Her other brother, Dr. Simon Berliner, had been arrested.

Frau Ornstein's last words were: "I am too young for my life to be finished." She was forty-seven.

After her death came a letter from her doctor brother. He has been released.

And now Herr Ornstein sits silent and waits—for more news from Vienna.

Beryl 'Fell' For Her Skating Instructor

AS Beryl Styles, pretty blonde schoolgirl of 14, stepped gingerly on to the ice-rink for the first time she toppled over. Handsome Benny Lee, ice speed champion, caught her.

That was six years ago. Soon Beryl, now junior ice-skating champion of Britain, will marry Benny Lee.

Since that first meeting at Streatham, South London, while Beryl has been growing up from a girl to a woman, Benny Lee has been training her. Every evening she has hurried from work to float over the ice with her tutor.

To-day she is asked to give demonstrations all over Britain.

Benny Lee, 32, dark and muscular, says: "I fell in love with Beryl directly I saw her. We have always had a sort of understanding that we would be married."

Child'Door Bangers' Cured

CHILDREN who bang doors, walk, and shout defiance at their parents need trouble British homes no more.

Dr. Margaret Lowenfeld, of London, has established a Child Centre at the Institute of Child Psychology, where specially-trained workers play with delinquent children.

There are playrooms for children of different ages. Colours of rooms and contents are directed to a special corrective function.

The "naughtiness" is exactly that. It is not for eating, but for "messing about." Its walls and floors are of pale blue colour and of a washable material. Clay, earth, paints, mud, can all be "messied" with to the heart's content.

It is a sister to the "water room," where the children play, dressed in mackintoshes, rubber shoes, and oilskin caps.

Dr. Lowenfeld reports that by giving children a "free world" of their own their temperamental twists are corrected.

Asthma Cause Killed In 24 Hours

Thanks to the discovery of an American physician, it is now possible to get rid of those terrible spells of choking, gasping, and coughing which are the true cause which is Germs in the blood. No more burning of powders, no more hypodermic injections. This new discovery, known as "Germotherapy," is curing the germ cause of Asthma, also purifying the blood and restoring vitality so that you can sleep soundly at night, eat well, and play all day.

To-day it is guaranteed to give you free, easy breathing in 24 hours and to stop Asthma completely in a day or two.

Take a jar of germotherapy and a flacon from your chemist today. The doctor protests you.

A DOCTOR'S wife who said that a bank manager revealed her betting deals to her husband lost her suit for damages recently.

She was Mrs. Mary Sunderland, wife of Dr. Arthur Sunderland, of Hyde Park-mansions, Marylebone, W., and her action was against Barclays Bank, Ltd., which was awarded costs.

Mrs. Sunderland alleged that after one of her cheques had been returned marked "Refer to drawer" the manager of the Edgware-road branch of the bank told her husband that she had been using the account to pay two bookmakers.

NOT A STRANGER

Lord Justice du Parcq, giving judgment, said it was plain that the bank was under no obligation to meet the cheque, and the manager was not speaking to a stranger but to the customer's husband. He had been talking to the customer herself, who relinquished the phone in favour of her husband.

"I cannot think," said Lord Justice du Parcq, "that in these circumstances the bank manager was not entitled to give him that piece of information which he offered as an explanation—be it good or bad—for what the bank had done."

Dr. Sunderland, giving evidence, said that he also had an account with Barclays at the Church-street branch. He did not know his wife was using her Edgware-road account for paying betting debts, but he knew, up to a point, that she was betting.

"I knew she had the racing papers," he said, "and I knew she had a bet quite frequently, but I supposed the amounts were small. I thought it would be up to 5s. perhaps. I didn't take any interest in it."

Mr. Edwin Stephens, manager of Barclays Paddington branch, was asked by Mr. H. J. Walling, x.c. (for the bank): Why did you dishonour the cheque?—Seizing the nature of the transactions and that she was a married woman, the only thing to do was to return the cheque.

Mr. Stephens said he did not think that particular cheque was for bets.

He told Mrs. Sunderland that her balance had been depleted by bookmakers' cheques, there was a long conversation, and then she said, "My husband is here, you had better give your reasons to him." And the telephone was handed over without any break.

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Mr. Stephens said that Mrs. Sunderland definitely told him to give her husband the reasons he had given her for returning the cheque, and he had given her the reason that she had been using the account to pay bookmakers.

Mr. Beneay: Are you really saying you stopped that cheque because she had been paying bookmakers?—That she would be using the bank's money in that way if there was an over-draft.

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SPECIALISTS GO TO EX-KAISER

New York.
Doctor Wilhelm C. Huebener, of Cincinnati, prominent heart specialist, left New York recently on a mystery visit to the ex-Kaiser at Doorn.

The doctor has been pledged to silence regarding the nature of his mission, but it is rumoured that with other world-famed doctors he is to give the ex-Kaiser a thorough medical examination.

Several times in the past Dr. Huebener has been consulted by the ex-Kaiser.

"It would be unethical for me to say anything about my visit," said Huebener.

Empire Tea Centenary

London.

A CEREMONIAL auction and a reception will be features of the celebration on Jan. 10 next of the hundredth anniversary of the first auction in London of tea produced within the Empire.

In connection with the centenary a sample of the finest teas to be grown will be selected by a Blenders' Conference and presented in a golden casket to the King and Queen.

The Empire tea industry which has developed from a small garden employing a few men now employs 2,000,000 men and has more than £210,000,000 of British capital invested in it. More than 800,000,000 pounds of Empire tea is now produced annually.

DOMINATING POSITION

Sir Walter Smiles, M.P., chairman of the Centenary Committee, stated in a speech recently that the districts described on rough maps of a century ago as a mixture of uninhabited jungle and swamp had been transferred by British capital and enterprise into a land of neat tea gardens with railways, roads, electric light, wireless, cinemas and most of the amenities of modern civilisation.

They now had in India and Ceylon research stations and laboratories where every process in growth and manufacture of tea was scientifically studied and records tabulated.

"Within 5 years of its birth the Empire Industry was exporting more tea than China and to-day dominated the tea markets of the world."

£500 Award in Horoscope Libel Case

DAMAGES of £500 for libel and slander were awarded in the "horoscope" case before Mr. Justice Charles in the King's Bench Division recently.

They were in favour of Mr. Norman Crook and his wife, Hettie Elizabeth Crook, trading as the Globe Syndicate, and Mr. John Prior Exall, whom they sued. A cross-action by Mr. Mitchell against Mr. Crook and Mr. Exall for damages for alleged conspiracy and slander failed.

Mr. Justice Charles had ruled there was no evidence to go to the jury against Mrs. Alice Emily Bayley, who was joined as defendant in the libel proceedings and dismissed her from the suit with costs.

The plaintiffs complained that, the Globe Syndicate having prepared a series of horoscopes, Mr. Mitchell wrote to customers with whom they had left horoscopes suggesting they were a "colourable imitation of his copyright horoscopes."

THE GREAT CHINA TRADE ISSUE

London.

If the British Government is to be moved at all over China it will be over the trade issue. This alone can shake it out of its rather easy going attitude.

The Home papers are devoting more and more attention to the issue. The "Daily Herald" recently published the following:—

Economic reprisals against Japan for her freezing out of foreign trade interests from China are being seriously considered in London and Washington.

Reports from the Ambassadors of the two countries in China have indicated for some time that Japan is deliberately destroying all foreign trade competition.

SHIPS BARRED

Foreign shipping, for example, has been barred from using the Yangtze. The Japanese say this is due to the danger of mines and nearby military operations, but Japanese ships have been plying a thriving trade.

It was announced that a Japanese sponsored "monopoly" company has been established in Shanghai to control the Yangtze shipping, and will start work in the New Year.

This is only one of countless ways in which foreign interests, British and American, in particular, are being ousted from the China market.

EXPERTS AT WORK

For some time experts of the United States Department of Commerce and the Board of Trade here have been studying what retaliatory steps could be taken.

Their investigations are now so far advanced that Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the United States Ambassador here, has gone to Washington and the United States Ambassador in China has been recalled for consultation.

Significantly, too, Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador in Washington, has arrived in London "on holiday."

One step envisaged in American circles is to deprive Japan of her benefits under the most-favoured-nation clause. Were such a step to be taken, the British Government would almost certainly follow suit.

President Roosevelt also has the power, if discrimination against the importation or sale of American goods is proved, to exclude "any or all articles" from the offending country.

It is doubtful whether such drastic steps are yet contemplated, but the question of increasing duties on Japanese imports is one that has been closely studied.

In this the experts have had the example of the Japanese themselves. At the beginning of this year the puppet Government in Peking introduced a new tariff for imports into North China under which Japanese goods benefited by from 25 to 75 per cent.

Any action of this nature would be a serious blow to Japan, for the British Empire and the United States are her principal customers, absorbing roughly 50 per cent. of her exports.

But retaliation of this sort is calculated to lead to counter-reprisals, and it is for this reason that the most painful study of the question is being made before any decision is reached.

B. M. Meantime the "Daily Telegraph" publishes the appended statement from its own Correspondent:

Shanghai, Monday. Great concern is felt here in British shipping circles at a report that a Japanese concern, the Yangtze Shipping Company, has been formed with the object of controlling traffic on the Yangtze under the monopolistic system, introduced by the Japanese into many branches of trade in China.

It is reported that the company was floated on Saturday at a meeting at which 50 Japanese directors were elected and a Chinese comprador

or head of the native staff—was appointed.

It is believed that the new company is one of the branches of the newly formed Japanese "Central China Development Company," whose charter includes shipping, communications, waterworks, and power companies, public transport, fisheries and inland transportation.

Two British firms, Jordine Matheson and Co. and Butterfield and Swire, at present represent the largest shipping interests on the Yangtze River and the China coast.

In recent months they have suffered considerably from the closing of the Yangtze and coastal difficulties.

If the Yangtze were to be exploited under a monopolistic system they would lose business on a large scale."

All the other papers roughly agree that joint action is being discussed. This is the "Daily Express."

BRITAIN MAY HIT BACK AT JAPAN

"Britain may hit back at Japan for her trade methods by putting heavier duties on Japanese goods going into British Colonies. This is one of the steps under consideration as a result of Japan's action in trying to close the China and Manchukuo markets to British and all other foreign trade."

The "Newspaper Chronicle" contains the following:—

GROWING JAPANESE MENACE TO TRADE—BY VERNON BARTLETT

"Although, by more insidious methods than those adopted by Germany and Italy in Europe, Japan is very actively menacing British interests in the Far East."

Last week the Foreign Minister in Tokyo summoned the British and United States Ambassadors and emphasised his policy of gradually excluding their compatriots from the economic life of the Far East.

There was not, I am assured, that direct threat to denounce the Washington Nine Power Treaty which is reported in some newspapers, and which would doubtless lead to counter-measures against Japanese trade in other parts of the world.

The feeling of resentment in London is due rather to the fact that by a policy of granting preferences to Japanese and Manchukuo goods and of putting obstacles in the way of British goods, Japan is gaining economic control of China without obvious breaches of treaty—once the very fact of the war has been accepted and condoned by Great Britain.

The British Ambassador's protests, I understand are met with the bland assurance that preferences between the Far Eastern Powers are to the benefit of China. These assurances carry less and less weight with the British Government, and it would not be surprising if difficulties became acute early in the New Year."

The "Manchester Guardian" of Tuesday pointed out that the "Boycott Japan" movement has made considerable progress in Manchester and district in the past few days. Manchester's part in the "Boycott Japan" day on Saturday will be in the form of poster parades in the afternoon and evening. Show-cards are being prepared for use in shops conveying the assurance "We don't sell Japanese goods" and steps will be taken by the new group to let the public know which shows give such an undertaking.



Suit for custody of his children has been filed in Miami, Fla., by Guy Maynard Liddell, chief of England's Civil Intelligence Department. Children are shown with their mother, Mrs. Calypso Liddell, daughter of the late Lord Revelstoke of England, at their home in Coral Gables, Fla.

EMPIRE NEWS

ISLE OF ROMANCE SEARCH

AUCKLAND.

A YOUNG couple who met on holiday in the Norfolk Islands and decided to wed and go to the South Seas, were married at St. Jude's-on-the-Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb, recently.

The bridegroom, Mr. Patrick Forbes, of Southway, Hampstead, a 21-years-old apprentice in a City tea breaking firm, has given up his position to realize his lifelong dream of living on a South Sea Island.

His wife, formerly Miss Joyce Bishop, 23-year-old daughter of a boatbuilder's clerk at Roxham, Norfolk, shares his enthusiasm for island life.

"We are going to be gloriously happy," she said. "Pat has been saving up for this for years, and he's got about £2,000 now."

"We shall go cruising around until we find our ideal island."

GARLANDS

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes will be joined in the South Seas by Mr. Gerald Gordon, a young planter.

Mr. Gordon, who has spent many years on the Polynesian Islands and has written several books, draped the bridal couple with "tels"—garlands of Hawaiian flowers—at the wedding reception.

Mr. Forbes played an Hawaiian guitar.

"I was taught to play the guitar by an Hawaiian years ago," he said, "and formed my own band."

"We shall be away for about two years."

FUTURE OF DAMAGED R.A.F. BOMBER

SYDNEY.

The decision of the British Air Ministry is awaited as to whether the record-breaking R.A.F. Vickers Wellesley bomber, which made a forced landing recently, shall be taken over by the Australian Air Force.

The machine was badly damaged when it came down in a ploughed field near Richmond aerodrome, New South Wales, but it could be repaired from spare parts already here.

The two other Vickers Wellesley bombers which made the record flight from Egypt to Australia began a programme of visits to Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart and Perth before returning to England from Darwin.

South Africa

RAILWAY INQUIRY DEMANDED

A demand for a public inquiry to investigate alleged shortcomings in the administration of the South African railways was made at the congress of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of South Africa.

Among these shortcomings was mentioned the high rate of accidents and derailments.

Ex-Mayor Sentenced—Thomas Looney, an ex-Mayor of Kimberley and past president of the Chamber of Commerce, has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, for failing to keep proper business records up to the time when his business was sequestered.

Shipping Agent Retired—Mr. P. J. Franks, joint-agent in Cape Town of the Union-Castle Line, has

£3,122,000 For a London Tunnel

London's new tunnel under the Thames near the present Blackwall Tunnel is to cost £3,122,000. The L.C.C. is to be asked on Tuesday to pass a capital estimate of £2,824,000 so that work on the tunnel may start at once. The new tunnel, which will run parallel to and about 800 feet on the down stream side of the existing Blackwall Tunnel, will be used by south bound traffic, while north bound traffic will use the old tunnel.

The work will involve the demolition of a large number of old houses, and new accommodation will have to be found for 1,924 people, at an estimated capital cost of £200,220.

after nearly 50 years in the company's service.

Canada

SEVEN SENATE VACANCIES

Montreal. Senator Albert Joseph Brown, 78, died bringing the total number of vacancies in the Dominion Senate to seven.

Senator Brown was a leading member of the legal profession at Quebec. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1889, and entered the Senate in 1902. Two killed in Air Crash—Capt. Dave Imrie and First Officer Jack Herald were killed when their aircraft plane crashed after leaving Regina, Saskatchewan, on its regular westbound flight to Athabasca.

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**REFUGEE
RELIEF**
**Rural Welfare Centre
At Shumchun**

A Rural Welfare Centre is fast
being organized at Shumchun. Its
object will be to conduct Refugee
Relief in the affected areas between
the East River and the British
frontier. The first contingent of 10
field staff has already proceeded to
Shumchun to begin preparatory
work. Later a further two con-
tingents will go into the field to co-
operate with the returning refugees
in the spring sowing.

The Rural Welfare Centre will be
under the direction of Mr. Percy
Chen, who with Dr. C. Y. Wu was
responsible for the arrangements for
the establishment of the Hospital of
the Welfare Centre. Assistance has
been received from the St. John
Ambulance Brigade in the equipping
and staffing of the Hospital which
will be under the auspices of the
Kwangtung Joint Committee for
Medical Relief.

Although the Hospital will be con-
sidered mobile, it will be equipped
with facilities for surgical operations,
according to the plans. A complete
set of surgical instruments has been
promised by the Chinese National
Red Cross. The Chinese Medical
Association is maintaining a surgeon
at the Hospital. Although only
opened a week ago, news of the Hos-
pital has already spread and patients
are being brought from the surround-
ing districts. One hundred and fifty
beds are occupied.

The maternity ward since it was
opened has assisted in the birth of
five youngsters, four girls and one
boy. The mothers are refugees.
There are several cases of shock from
the results of bombing and flight.
One patient, a youth, was brought by
his mother from Tungkun suffering
from shock. His father is a Customs
guard at Shumchun. The distressed
father and mother were met on the
train by Mrs. Langley and Mr.
Chen and directed to the Shumchun
Hospital where the boy was admitted
to undergo treatment.

It is hoped that permission will be
granted for the Rural Welfare Centre
to open clinics at Nuanlin and
Shutukuk. A request has also been
received that medical staff be sent to
Pingyu to operate a clinic at that
place.

Several active members of the
Hongkong YMCA will form the
personnel of the first contingent to
go to Shumchun. The leader is Mr.
James Orr who will be in charge of
the local office of the Kwangtung
Joint Committee for Medical Relief.
Among the others are Messrs. Henry
Cheung, Ling Kwok-kwan, Wong
Kuan-kuen and Moi Fat-wing.

The second contingent will include
several graduates of Chungshan
University.

The idea of a Rural Welfare Centre
originated with Surgeon-General
Dr. Cheung Kin, the Chairman of the
Kwangtung Joint Committee for
Medical Relief. Several months ago
conversations were held by Dr.
Cheung and Mr. Alfred Morris as to
the organization of a Hospital at
Shumchun. But in the present
emergency where the refugee problem
can only be solved by organization
of the reparation of the
peasantry in the intervals of peace so
that they might work on their lands,
the idea of the Rural Welfare Centre
has been expanded to include educational
and training as well as an
agricultural assistance centre.

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Waterworks Ordinance, 1938.

NO. 20 of 1938.

The above Ordinance stipulates
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the Water Authority may construct,
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connected to the Water Works.

The attention of consumers is
directed to the list of licensed
plumbers published in the Govern-
ment Gazette of the 6th January,
1939, and to additions to the above
list which may appear from time
to time in the "Government
Gazette."

To avoid contravention of the
Ordinance, consumers are
requested to employ only licensed
plumbers on work to be done to
services connected to or to be con-
nected to the Water Works.

R. M. HENDERSON,
Water Authority.

Public Works Department,
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THE SPANISH WAR

**Franco Claims More
Advances on Front**

London, Jan. 7.—General Franco's troops claim to
have captured the town of Vinalxa,
25 miles from Tarragona, and to be
continuing the advance along the
Lerida-Tarragona road.

The Nationalists also claim to have
cut the road ten miles east of Borja
Blanca.

The Loyalist troops resisted
tenaciously but are now reported to
be retreating more rapidly, with the
insurgent artillery shelling their
positions.

LOYALIST CLAIMS

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Barcelona communication, the
Loyalists in the three days of their
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**BITTER FIGHTING
ON TWO
SPANISH FRONTS**

(Continued from Page 1.)

at Tarragona. At the same
time, however, the Loyalists caused
considerable damage in all of the
evacuated villages, whose inhabitants
they took with them in the retreat.

LOYALIST COUNTER-CLAIMS

According to a Barcelona message,
the Defence Ministry issued the
following war bulletin on Saturday
night: Estremadura Front. Loyalist
troops continued their victorious
advance on Saturday. After crossing
the river Zujar, they occupied the
village of Peraleda de Zaucejo, and
continued their march in the direction
of Monterrubio de la Serena.

On the right bank of the river, the
Loyalists captured the village of
Cuenca, the heights of Grana Loma
de Nodoguilla, as well as the Height
of Sierra Melano, and several of the
neighboring heights, together with
the village of Fuente Vega.

The advance continues.

The Loyalists repulsed several
enemy counter-attacks.

Territory conquered by the
Loyalists within the last three days
has extended over 600 kilometres.
Much war material, as well as
numerous prisoners fell into their
hands.

On the Eastern front, in the section
of Cubilla, the Loyalists offered
resistance to Insurgent attacks.
The heights of Machell were three
times occupied by the Insurgents, but
they were finally repulsed.

In the sectors of Vinalxa and Vilo-
sell, severe fighting is in progress.
Loyalist troops are offering stubborn
resistance, and the Insurgents have
suffered heavy losses.

PREMIER'S MESSAGE

A Paris communication says that
the Spanish Loyalist Premier, Dr.
Negrin, issued a proclamation on
Saturday to the Loyalist Army, in
which he said: "I expect from all,
effective co-operation for the defence
of our soil, as has hitherto been the
case, and I am certain that the enthu-
siasm and spirit of sacrifice of our
troops will render a rapid victory
possible. At the present moment of
severe trial, the heroism with which
our army is holding up the enemy on
the Eastern front and on the Ebro is
an example and encouragement for
all those behind the front. Our eyes
are fixed on the future of our country,
and on the independence of our soil,
and we shall gain the victory which
we deserve."—Trans-Ocean.

3RD WEEK OF OFFENSIVE

Saragossa, Jan. 8.—General Franco's major offensive
against Catalonia, now in its third
week, has driven back the Loyalist
resistance in the plains of Urgel.

The difficulties ahead in the
campaign, especially in the northern
sector, have not been miscounted,
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MY STRIKING WORTH

Mr. Basil H. Field, for Miss Ruanne,
said that when she was a book-
keeper at the Grand Hotel, More-
combe, in 1934, Wolfendale was a
visitor there. In December of that
year he invited her to a dance and
wrote, "A number of hours at a
dance would enable you to appre-
ciate the striking worth even behind
my ugly front."

Wolfendale asked her to marry
him in April 1936. As his firm was
sending him to India, it was ar-
ranged that the wedding should take
place later.

They spent a holiday together at
Whitstable in 1936, when intimacy took
place, and he bought her a ring be-
fore he sailed for India in October
of that year. He was away not
quite a year.

Miss Ruanne left the hospital where
she was detained with threatened ap-
pendicitis against doctor's orders in
order to meet Wolfendale on his
return. They spent a holiday together
at Kendal, where intimacy again took
place, Miss Ruanne relying on the
wedding taking place as soon as her
health permitted.

Later she saw Wolfendale, and he
told her, "I cannot go on with it.
You have no personality."

Mr. Field also produced a sketch
sent by Wolfendale to Miss Ruanne.
It depicted a bungalow, a car in the
drive, and one figure marked—"Me
osleep."

**STOCK MARKET
REPORT**

The Hongkong Stock Exchange
official summary issued at 12.30 p.m.
Saturday, says:

The morning session was quietly
steady, with a moderate turnover at
the opening quotations.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank \$1,400
Canton Insurance \$210
Canton Bank \$175
H.K. Fire Insurance \$170
Douglas \$634
H.K. & C. Wharves \$1,145
H.K. Dock \$1,000
Provident \$1,000
H.K. Land \$37
Cement \$100
Telephones \$100
Entertainments \$7
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 6% p.m.
H.K. Govt. 3% Loan 6% p.m.

Sellers

Hongkong Bank \$1,420
Canton Underwriters \$1,070
Canton Bank \$1,040
H.A.S. Hotels \$710
H.K. Realities \$570
H.K. Trainways \$175
Canton Electric \$1,070
H.K. Electric \$300
Telephones (Old) \$24
Construction \$15
Marsman Inv. (H.K.) 2/-

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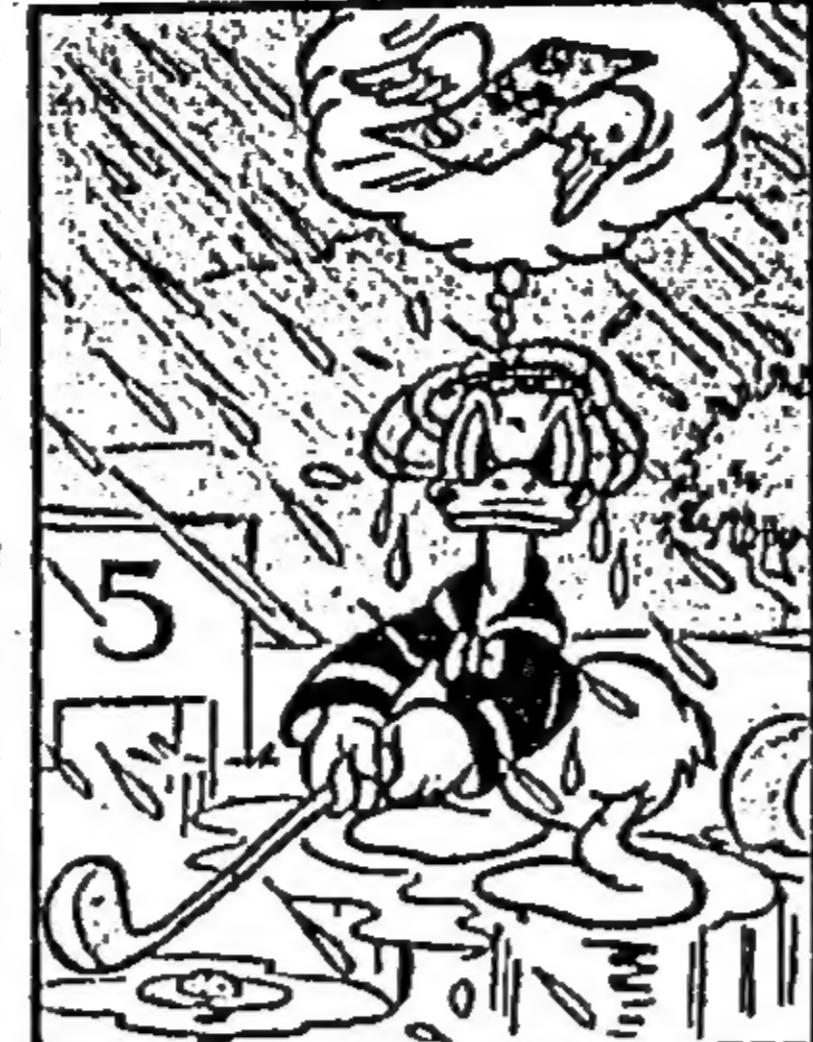
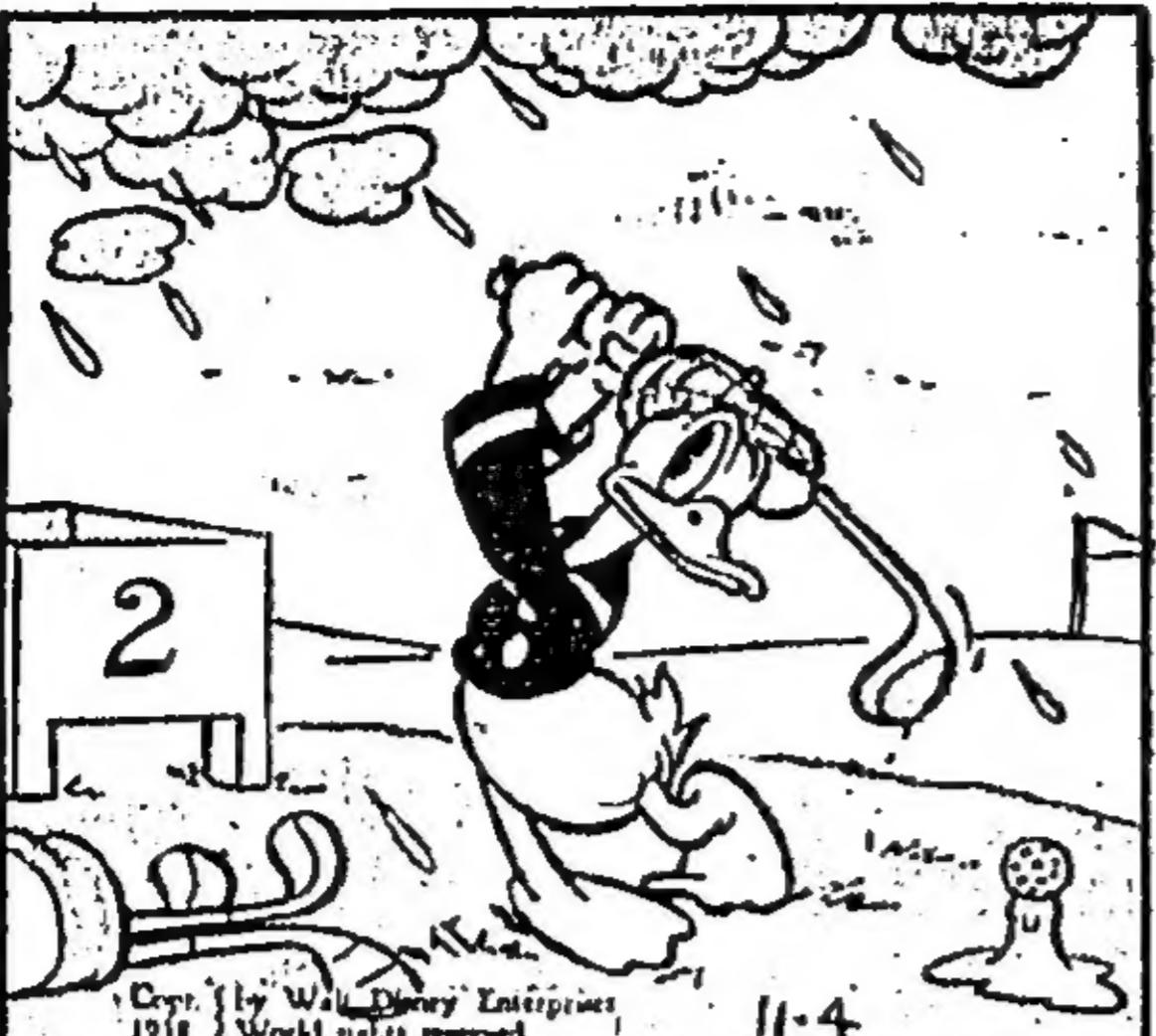
Union Insurance \$475
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TSENGSHING RE-TAKEN

CHINESE CLAIM VICTORY IN SOUTH CHINA FIGHTING

It is officially claimed by the Chinese that Tsengshing was re-captured yesterday after heavy fighting and that the Japanese have retreated westward and are concentrating at Chuchuen, on the Tsengshing-Canton highway. A Japanese detachment from Kowkong has captured Chentsun, in the Shuntak district. Chinese guerrillas have been active along the Canton-Samshui Railway.

On the Chekiang front, the Chinese are attempting to capture Hangchow. The bulk of the 63rd Chinese Division has already crossed the Chientang River to the south-west of the city but is meeting with stiff opposition.

In Hoped, the Japanese have launched a general offensive against the Communist forces concentrated in the vicinity of Wukino, and are reported to have resumed their push westward along the Lunghai Railway in Honan.

Reports from Shansi claim Chinese successes, and state that a counter-attack on Lishih has been launched.

The Chinese guerrillas harassing the Shwan Channel south of Canton were rounded up as the result of a joint drive by Japanese military and naval forces on Wednesday last says Daniel. Units of the Japanese Pearl River flotilla destroyed the Chinese garrison at the mouth of the channel and several Chinese military boats. Japanese withdrawn from Kowkong

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Troop Train Attacked

Kongmoon, Jan. 8. A detachment of 400 Japanese from Kowkong attacked Chentsun, a commercial town in Shuntak District, on January 4 and were engaged by Chinese guerrillas. Late on New Year's Day, over 100 Chinese guerrillas lay in wait for the Japanese who were expected to pass a point near Salm. As a Japanese military train was passing, the Chinese rushed forward and engaged the Japanese and after half an hour's fighting, nearly forty Japanese were killed, while the locomotive was destroyed.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

It is definitely learned that preparations have been made by the Japanese in Samshui for a drive along the West River in the near

CLOTHING STOLEN
Thieves Busy Towards
The Week-End

Clothing valued at \$70, and belonging to various military officers, was stolen from Gun Club Hill, Kowloon, between midnight and 6 a.m. on Friday, according to a report made to the police by Captain Martin, of the R.A.C.

Chau Sam, a woman residing at 47 Cooke Street, Hung Hom, has reported that a box containing money and jewellery to the value of \$220 was stolen from her home on Friday. The residence of another woman, Kwok Plik-tim, was entered between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. on Saturday, and jewellery, money and clothing valued at \$30 were stolen.

Mr. M. N. Rukusen, residing at No. 4 Village Road, has reported the loss of clothing valued at \$370 from his residence on Saturday night.

Office Stamps Lost

Mr. W. Sharpe, Secretary of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company, reports that some person stole \$10 worth of postage stamps from the office between 6 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. on Saturday.

A water meter, valued at \$50, was reported stolen from the Hung Hom Market on Friday, by Sanitary Inspector A. C. Sinton. The meter is the property of the Government.

APPOINTMENTS

Notifications in The
Government Gazette

It is notified in the Government Gazette that Mr. E. H. Williams resumed duty as Crown Counsel on December 30, 1938.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Messrs. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, o.s.c., J.P., and Cyril Champkin, J.P., to be members of the Licensing Board for a further period of three years.

Mr. H. A. Mills is to be Assistant Postmaster General and Chief Accountant, General Post Office, with effect from January 1, 1939.

Drs. Tai Hon-hung, M.B., C.R.B., (Edin.), and Teng Pin-hui, M.B., B.S. (H.K.), are appointed Health Officers.

It is also notified that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Honourable Mr. Andrew Lusk Sheldes to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, vice Mr. Marcus Theodore Johnson, resigned, with effect from October 18, 1938.

PAPER CHASE IN HILLS
Event Arranged by The
European Y.M.C.A.

A paper chase was organised by the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday morning. The course started from the terminal of Waterloo Road, went on to Lion Rock and around the adjoining slopes into the Kowloon Golf Club, ending at the Y.M.C.A. hockey ground, King's Park.

First home was Truscott, of the Royal Signals, followed by Brown of H.M.S. Grampus, and J. S. Greenberg. W. A. A. Ferguson acted as the hare. Truscott's time was 1 hour, 16 min. 15 sec. R. Goldman and W. Colledge acted as umpires.

Mrs. A. W. Ingram, wife of the secretary of the Y.M.C.A., presented prizes to the winners in the West Lounge of the European Y.M.C.A.

The next paper chase, which will be a 'bill chase', will be held on February 5. The object of this chase will be to throw away as many unwanted bills as possible for the trawl. The Paper Chase Club invites as many unwanted bills as possible from people who are being bothered by creditors.

SOCIAL ITEMS

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Group Peace Pledge Union will be held in the Challenge Book Rooms, Ice House Street, on Wednesday, January 11, when, after the routine business, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest will give an address. The meeting opens at 5.30 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral Women's Fellowship are holding a small Sale of Work, together with a Bridge and Mahjong Drive in the Cathedral Hall on January 12, at 3 p.m. Players will be charged \$1 including tea. There is no admission fee, and visitors to the Sale of work may obtain tea at a cost of 50 cents.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children will be held in the old City Hall to-morrow at 10 a.m.

PHOTO EXHIBITION

Under Auspices of The
S. and S. Club

Entries are being received for the fourth annual exhibition of the Sailors and Soldiers Camera Club, which is to be held at the Sailors and Soldiers Home, 22 Hennessy Road, and opens at 7 p.m. on February 1.

All amateur photographers are entitled to compete in the Open Section, while there is a special Open Section for members of H. M. Services and one for members of the Club.

Six prizes are to be awarded in Section A (General Open) as follows:—1st prize, engraved silver plaque; 2nd, value \$25; 3rd, value \$15; 4th, value \$10; and 5th and 6th, Burroughs Wellecome exposure calculators.

Identical prizes will be awarded in Section B (Services Open), and a total of five prizes in Section C (Members).

Catalogues are being prepared, one of which, with prize-winning entries marked, will be mailed to each exhibitor prior to the opening of the exhibition.

Entry forms, with full particulars, may be obtained from the Sailors and Soldiers Home or from most photographic dealers. The last date for receiving entries is Wednesday, January 25, at 5 p.m.

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RAID ON A DIVAN

Nearly Fifty People
Smoking Opium

A record number of opium smokers, 49 in all, were discovered by a raiding party under Revenue Officer Warden on the first floor of a house in Reclamation Street on January 4. Nine opium pipes, four mace of opium, and eleven lamps were also discovered.

The keeper of the divan, Chu Ho, appeared before Mr. E. H. Wilmot on Saturday, and was fined \$200, or four months' hard labour, on the charge of keeping the divan, and a further \$10 or another month for possession of the opium.

HAUL OF HEROIN

Arrested in possession of 29,691 heroin pills in a flat at Aberdeen Street on December 30, Kwok Kai, 56, unemployed, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour, and fined \$2,500 or another six months' hard labour, by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy on Saturday.

Wok was also charged with possession of one nail of prepared opium, and keeping an opium divan, and was fined \$45 or two months' hard labour, the sentences to be concurrent with those on the other charges.

THEFTS OF TREES

Wood Found Concealed In
Wanchai Houses

Three odd-job coolies, Ip Yun-mul, 29, Cheung Shek-kai, 31, and Cheung Wing-wah, 28, were each fined \$5, or two weeks' hard labour, when they appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy on Saturday, charged with the possession of 460 catties of pine tree wood at No. 1 Electric Street, Wanchai.

Mr. I. P. Tamworth, Assistant Superintendent of Botanical and Forestry Department, said that he raided the flat on a warrant and found the wood hidden beneath several beds. The wood was worth \$9.32.

A woman who was charged with possession of 434 catties of wild tree wood at another house in Electric Street, was fined \$10. Several other men and women similarly charged were each fined \$5 or three weeks' hard labour.

Inspector A. V. Baker prosecuted.

CARNIVAL DANCE

The Diocesan Girls' School was the scene of a gay function on Saturday night, when the Diocesan Old Girls' Association held their annual Carnival Dance there. The hall was thronged with merry makers and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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6.00 For The Children.

Uncle Charlie's Nursery Rhymes; Nursery Rhymes; Little Mayfair Orchestra; The Nightingales Morning Greeting-Polka (Recktenwald); The Squirrel Dance (Smith); Marek Weber and His Orchestra; The New Serial... Read by Aunt Bee; At Mother's Knee; Cradle Song (Schubert); Ma Curly Headed Baby (Clutsam); Lullaby (Brahms).... Sung by Essie Ackland.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations; 6.32 New Dance Music and Variety.

Why Talk About Love—Quickstep; Tears In My Heart—Slow Fox-Trot... Henry Jacques and His Orchestra; Fold Your Wings ("Glamorous Night")... Mary Ellis and Trevor Jones acc.; by Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra; Bull It In—Slow Fox-Trot; Doctor Rhythm—Fox-Trot; The New Lyras; Fleur Bleue—Fox-Trot Chante; Je Chante—One Step Chante... Charles Trenet acc.; by Wal-Berg and His Orchestra; What Is Romance?—Slow Fox-Trot; The Chocolate Soldier's Daughter—Quickstep... Roy Fox and His Orchestra; Just In Fun... Max Miller (Comedian); You're An Education—Quickstep; So Long, Sweetheart—Slow Fox-Trot... Henry Jacques and His Orchestra; The Yum Step—As Explained by Fred Astaire; The Yum (Film: Carefree)... Fred Astaire with Ray Noble and His Orchestra; Small Fry—Slow Fox-Trot; A Little Toy Sail Boat—Fox-Trot; Geraldo and His Orchestra; Let's All Have a Chorus... With Tommy Handley and His Pals.

7.30 Tito Schipa.

La Cumparsita—Tango; Confession—Tango; Princesita (Little Princess).

7.40 The Milan Symphony Orchestra.

La Muta di Portici—Overture (Auber); Fra Diavolo—Overture (Auber); Manon Lescaut—Intermezzo (Puccini).

8.00 Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—"That Music Reminds Me."

8.30 The Latest Dance Music. Silver On The Sage (Film: The

Texans)—Fox-Trot; There's A Brand New Picture In My Picture Frame (Fox-Trot)... Tommy Tucker and His Orchestra; Hush, Here Comes the Dream Man—Slow Fox-Trot; Teddy Tali In Town Today—One Step... Henry Hall and His Orchestra; Algernon, Whiffler, John—Comedy Fox-Trot; When It's Thursday Night In Egypt—Comedy Fox-Trot... Harry Roy and His Orchestra; They Gave Him a Gun To Play With—Fox-Trot; When the Circus Came To Town—Novelty Fox-Trot... Jay Wilbur and His Band.

9.00 London Relay — "Hands Across the Sea," by Noel Coward.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 A Chopin Programme.

Concerto No. 1 in E Minor Op. 11.

Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra; Nocturne in C Sharp Minor; Nalan Milestein (Violin); Etude No. 7.

Op. 25... Lener String Quartet; Polonaise in E Flat... Jose Echaniz (Pianoforte).

10.30 London Relay—In Town To-night.

Introducing personalities from every walk of life in interviews with Lionel Gammie, flashes from the news of the week, and "Standing on the Corner" (Michael Standing interviews the man in the street); Edited and Produced by C. F. Mehan.

11.00 Close Down.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

Russian Community Hold
Christmas Festival

St. Voldemar's Day, set aside for children in Russia, was celebrated by the Russian community in Hongkong with a party at the St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday, when over 70 children were present.

The party was arranged by a committee from the Russian Orthodox Church. They were Mrs. V. Affanof, Mrs. A. Moors, Mrs. L. Kroloff and Mrs. L. Verigin.

The hall was tastefully decorated, while a Christmas tree laden with bon-bons and toys were placed in the centre. These were later distributed to the children.

A speech was given in Russian by the Rev. Dimitre of the Russian Orthodox Church, while Mrs. A. Shapiro was the leader of the chorus for the singing. Other items included recitation of a number of Russian poems.



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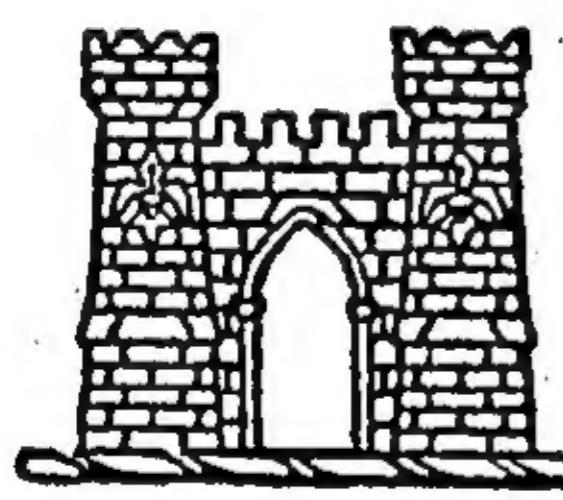
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Appeasement or Peace?

THAT WE SHOULD live at peace with all our neighbours is an ideal that no one would wish to repudiate. Nor need the fact that some nations have adopted forms of Government very different from our own be by itself an obstacle to peaceful relationships between our democracies and their dictatorial regimes.

The difficulty arises, however, in international policies, for countries like Germany and Italy and Japan insist on deciding for themselves what they consider their due, and definitely set about reaching their goals by violent means without any regard to the rights of other peoples. This is an attitude that makes true Peace impossible. In its place the world becomes an anarchy, where might alone determines right.

Japan overruns China, Italy annexes Abyssinia, Germany seizes Austria and Czechoslovakia. The League of Nations advances a very different plan for World Peace as its objective. It is founded on the democratic virtue of tolerance. The integrity and independence of each nation—however small and insignificant it may be—is to be respected. Violence is no longer to be used by any nation as a means of securing what it considers justice for itself. No nation is to be judge in its own cause. Disputes are to be settled in a third-party world forum and Governments agree to abide by decisions so reached. Patent injustices in relationships are to be remedied by peaceful means in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and goodwill. The united strength of the whole Community of Nations is pledged against aggression and anarchic violence.

This programme for peace is the only one that is workable; and the present unhappy conditions that prevail universally are due to its abandonment by the nations that pay lip service to its tenets but in practice betray its principles.

We have sought appeasement with the militarist aggressive nations by yielding to their demands. The whole fabric of Law and Order has broken down. Every nation is wasting its substance in preparation for the calamity of another World War, which threatens to destroy all the values of the civilisation that has been so painfully built up.

Are we to continue this surrender? It is perhaps not too late even now to return to the League of Nations, for even today the nations that stand for Law and Order, and Peace are sufficiently powerful to check the flood of insanity that threatens to overwhelm the

INNOCENT—AND 21 YEARS IN GAOL

IN the early days of the Russian revolution, when the Allies still thought that Russia could be persuaded to continue the war, President Wilson sent a distinguished journalist as an unofficial ambassador to St. Petersburg. The first night after his arrival he awoke to see collected outside his hotel a huge crowd who shouted in unison one word only, "Muni, Muni."

The journalist, impressed by what he took to be a pro-American demonstration, inquired what this curious Russian expression might mean. He was then told that it was the name of a Californian Labour leader who a little while before had been sentenced to death for supposed participation in a bomb outrage.

This man, Thomas J. Mooney, his sentence commuted to life imprisonment, is after 21 years of confinement, to gain his freedom. Last week the Californian Governor kept his promise made at the recent gubernatorial elections, to sign a pardon for his release.

Of Mooney's innocence there is no doubt. The judge at his trial, and nine of the ten surviving jurymen, signed a petition for his pardon. Under the heading of "The Lawless Enforcement of Law," the Wickersham Commission, appointed by President Hoover to investigate "Law Enforcement and Observance," drew up a lengthy report on Mooney's case which completely vindicated him.

This section of the report was suppressed. However, by a vote of the Senate, President Hoover was compelled to produce it, and it is from that suppressed report that the following facts of the case are taken.

★ ON the afternoon of July 22, 1916, a bomb exploded during a pro-war "Preparedness Day" parade in San Francisco. Nine persons were killed and forty wounded. Owing to the failure of the police to examine the site, the nature of the bomb was never determined. Though a tin canister had been seen falling from the roof of a nearby building the police deduced from a cog-wheel belonging to an alarm clock found near the scene by a souvenir-hunter that the explosion was caused by a time bomb concealed in a suitcase. No parts of a suitcase were, however, found.

A private detective, Martin Swanson, previously in the pay of the Employers' Association, was given charge of the case by the District Attorney, and he any of the prisoners in an advised the immediate arrest of identification parade. One of Mooney, his wife, two other them afterwards, recanting his sworn Labour leaders, Warren Billings and Edward Nolan, and a taxi-driver, Israel Weinberg. The (Mooney) if the detective in first four were known to be spector had not turned around to me . . . and said in a low voice, "This is your man, this is

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• "Telegraph" readers are already familiar with the notorious case of Tom Mooney. In this article, Mr. G. H. C. Bing, a well-known barrister authority on International trials, brings the amazing story up to date, with special reference to the applications made for the release of America's "Dreyfus."

TOM MOONEY — "Guilty or innocent, they were not going to let him out."

of the supposed meeting with only half to say you saw me on Mrs. Mooney to adjust the bomb July 22 in San Frisco, and that had before the trial made a will be easily done." Instead, statement to the police saying the friend handed this letter to that she was only present in her the Press. After long delays the Californian authorities were compelled to prosecute Oxman for subversion of perjury.

Even at the time of his trial the evidence against Mooney was insufficient. Since his conviction what little evidence there was has been shown to be perjured. Mooney had a strong alibi to show that at the time the bomb exploded he was at home. The prosecution produced only two witnesses to Billings, whom he was instructed to influence public opinion against the prisoners.

None of the witnesses for the prosecution was able to identify the District Attorney, and he any of the prisoners in an advised the immediate arrest of identification parade. One of Mooney, his wife, two other them afterwards, recanting his sworn Labour leaders, Warren Billings and Edward Nolan, and a taxi-driver, Israel Weinberg. The (Mooney) if the detective in first four were known to be spector had not turned around to me . . . and said in a low voice, "This is your man, this is

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A FACTORY WITHOUT MACHINERY Where Everything Is Made By Hand

IN these days of mechanisation it is a pretty unusual thing to find a factory without machinery.

This actually is the case with the new "Sobranie House" the premises now occupied in London by A. Weinberg, manufacturers of the famous Balkan Sobranie tobaccos and cigarettes.

During a recent visit a Press representative failed to find one single piece of machinery other than the tobacco cutting machines, and these are used, so said Mr. David Redstone, only because good hand cutters are nearly extinct to-day in Britain and a labour minded government will not allow foreign tobacco cutters to be imported.

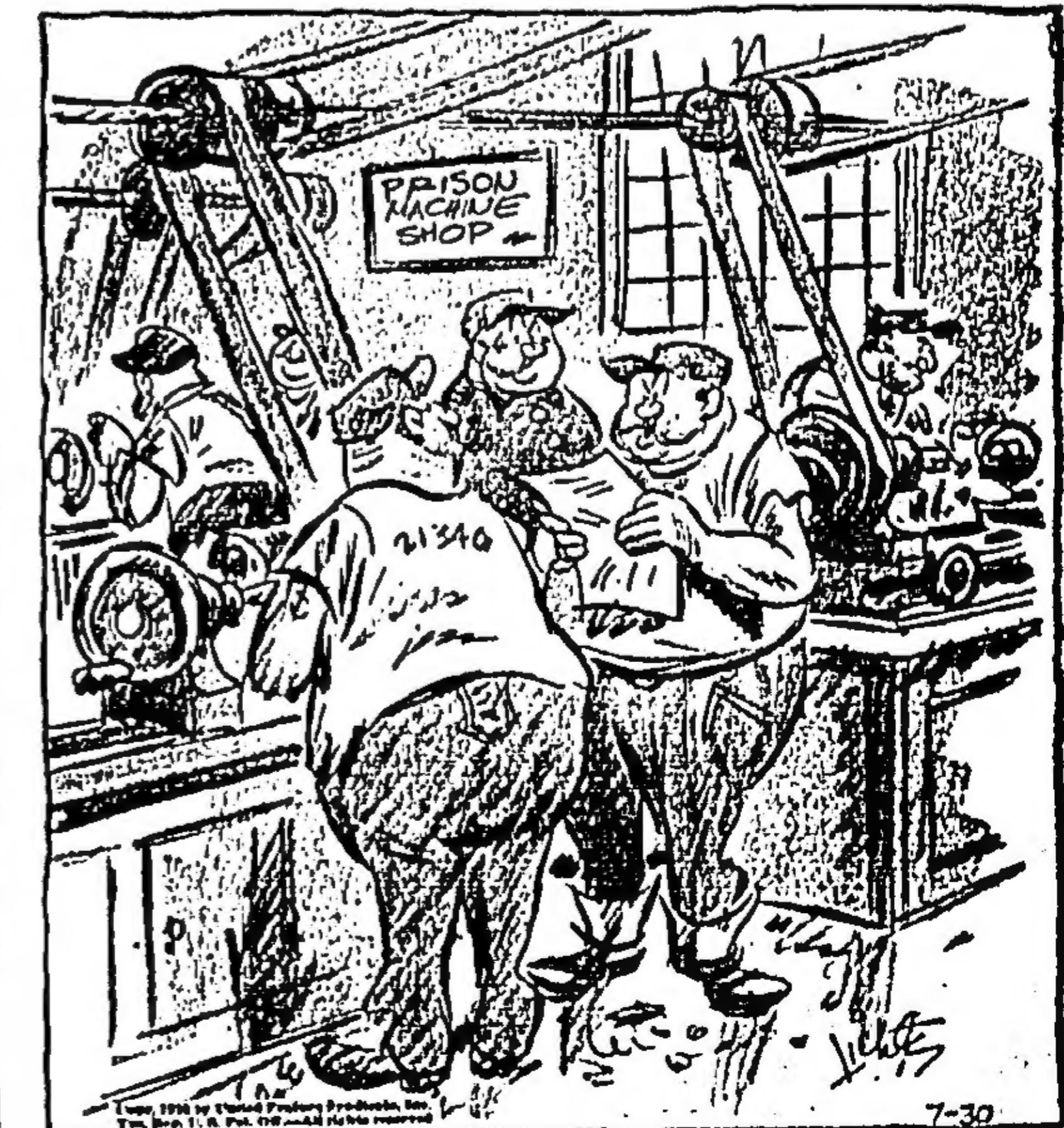
The absence of the noise of machines is noticeable, and added to the general cleanliness and spaciousness, almost a cathedral effect is produced.

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ROWS OF WORKERS

Every process is done by hand and it is quite a fascinating sight to see the rows of cigarette makers, with their fingers working like lightning, picking out just the right amount of tobacco for each cigarette, making the cigarette and dropping it into a wooden trough, from which it is collected by girls for

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THE BRITISH ARMY

Secretary For War Makes Defence

London, Jan. 7. Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, Secretary for War, speaking in his constituency last night, referred to certain charges which had recently been made about his administration at the War Office, and complained that these charges were neither open nor precise.

But it appeared to be suggested that the War Office under his administration had been inactive, and the Secretary for War proceeded to recount measures which had been taken during the last nineteen months for which he had held his present office.

For thirty years, the main organisation of the Army had remained virtually unaltered. Since he took office it had been completely overhauled in all its formations and units.

It was being made flexible, was being mechanised and was being adapted to modern uses. The role of the Army had been defined in a series of precise priorities.

A territorial field army had been reformed on the same lines as the Regular Army, involving much conversion, adaptation and replanning.

Shortage of Men

The shortage of men, which he was told there would be by March next at the rate of recruiting prevailing for the Regular Army at the time he went to the War Office, would in the event be less than half that.

While under 23,000 recruits were obtained in the recruiting year 1936/7 in the current year it was estimated that there would be about 40,000 despite the fact that competing requirements of other regular services had more than doubled in the interval.

In the past nineteen months the position and prospects of every officer and man in the British Army had been improved.

The number of officers undergoing Staff training had been doubled, and an additional Staff College had been established.

The territorial Army nineteen months ago was 153,204 strong. Today it was 200,100 strong. It was closer to its establishment than ever before in its history.

The demand of all the various auxiliary forces, active and passive, had increased by over 500 per cent, but despite these competing demands the increase of recruits for the Army auxiliary forces at the present rate of intake would be nearly 50 per cent.

Such, declared Mr. Hore-Belisha, was the magnificent response made by the manhood of the nation to the claims of its citizen army.

Drastic Measures

The Secretary for War also alluded to certain measures of a drastic and decisive character which he had had to take.

It had not been palatable, for instance, to make comprehensive changes in the Army Council and the Higher Command, and he was not unconscious of the risks he had taken.

The Prime Minister was equally acquainted with the character of the task which had awaited him at the War Office, and on the repercussions which must follow the forthcoming measures he had to take, had throughout sustained him.

He added there were still things to be done if the nation was to have the army it merited.

Air Defence

Referring to the responsibility of the War Office for anti-aircraft guns and searchlights to fit into the scheme controlled by the Air Officer Commanding for air defence, Mr. Hore-Belisha mentioned that the batteries of the First Anti-Aircraft Division defending London would be within a month completed to war strength in the 3.7 inch gun, the design of which was only finally approved in 1937.

The number of men in the anti-aircraft units of the Territorial Army had increased in nineteen months from 22,753 to 45,070 of all ranks.

It had been said he was over optimistic. He was not. But he was genuinely alarmed at the encouragement which was given outside the shores of Britain by exaggerated descriptions of the Army's alleged shortcomings and alleged incapacity.—British Wireless.

London's Docks

London, Jan. 8. Plans to protect London's 45 miles of docks and quays and 80 miles of waterways will shortly be discussed by representatives of the Port of London Authority and the Government. Estimates are that the cost will be about £800,000, of which it is hoped that the Government will contribute between 60 and 70 per cent.

The scheme includes provision of an A.R.P. armada, a floating ambulance service, and a mile of underground shelters.

Trenches already dug are capable of housing an emergency staff of 5,000, who in the event of war would keep the key services of the port going.

The armada will be provided by boat owners who have placed one hundred craft at the disposal of the Authority.

The shelters will protect a population of 50,000. The floating ambulance service will carry the injured or refugees from ships to safer zones further, while other

SATURDAY'S BRIDE

Australian Chinese Girl Wed at St. Paul's

A wedding of interest to Australian Chinese in Hongkong took place at St. Paul's Church on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Mavis Queenie Cheong became the bride of Mr. Andrew Nym-phas Chan.

THE BRIDE, who is the only daughter of Mr. Jack A. Cheong, well-known merchant of Melbourne and Hongkong, and Mrs. Cheong, wore a wedding gown of white crepe satin cut on princess lines, with a long train at the back. Her tulle veil was held in place by a dainty Juliet cap. She carried an ivory-backed bible in the place of the customary bouquet.

Attending the bride were the Misses Choon Cheong (cousin of the bride), Doreen Lucy and Esther Wong, as bridesmaids, wearing frocks of pink French taffeta cut with very full skirts, and wearing pink velvet flowers in their hair. They carried posies of mixed sweet peas.

The train-bearers were Masters James Cheong (brother of the bride) and Junier Lau. They wore black velvet trousers, white satin blouses and black velvet jackets.

The bridegroom is the second son of Mr. Ning-fat Chan, merchant of Pakhol, and Mrs. Chan.

The bride's mother was present in richly embroidered Chinese ceremonial gown.

Mr. Archie A. Cheong, the bride's uncle, gave the bride away, and Mr. Fung Tin-yau undertook the duties of bestman.

The Rev. Paul S. F. Tso officiated at the ceremony, and Mr. Peter Cheung was at the organ.

Later a brilliant reception was held at the Gloucester Hotel.

ANOTHER WEDDING

The wedding also took place on Saturday afternoon between Miss Tong Ching and Mr. Stephen Sz-to, at St. Mary's Church, Causeway Bay.

The bride, who was born in Falshan, Kwangtung, is a teacher at the Chiu Fai School, Kowloon.

The bridegroom is the principal of the South China Chinese Language Institute, Canton, of which he is the founder. He has had twenty years' experience teaching his language to foreigners, and is the author of the "Cantonese Reader."

The Rev. Lee Kau-yan officiated at the ceremony.

After the reception, which was held at St. Mary's Church Hall, the happy couple left for Cheung Chau, where the honeymoon is being spent.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Donations for Relief Of Distress in China

The following are subscriptions received to date for credit of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, Hongkong and South China Branch:

Previously acknowledged	\$403,701.01
The Grandview Athletic Club	127.07
The Hongkong Printing Society	50.00
The Hongkong Timber Guild	500.00
Messrs. Chang Sing Shun Lee	200.00
R.A.Z.	5.00
Rev. & Mrs. G. K. Carpenter	30.00
	\$404,613.08

DONATIONS AWAITING

Donations are lying at the Business Office of the South China Morning Post for the following: Tung Wah Hospital; "B.F.R.D.C." St. John Ambulance; Lepers Fund.

AIR FRANCE DEPARTS

The Air France plane left for Hanol at dawn on Saturday with passengers.

Nearly 4,000 volunteers have so far been enrolled.—Reuter.

National Service

London, Jan. 7. The Lord Mayor will preside at a National Service Rally in the Royal Albert Hall on January 24 at which Sir John Anderson (the Lord Privy Seal), Mr. Ernest Brown (Minister of Labour), Mr. Herbert Morrison (Leader of the L.C.C.) and Alderman C. W. Key (Chairman of the Metropolitan Boroughs Standing Joint Committee) will speak.

The Rally will be one of the opening events in the recruiting campaign for voluntary national service organisations announced by the Lord Privy Seal in Parliament before Christmas.—British Wireless.

The scheme will be provided by boat owners who have placed one hundred craft at the disposal of the Authority.

The shelters will protect a population of 50,000. The floating ambulance service will carry the injured or refugees from ships to safer zones further, while other

AIR MAIL MISLAID

All December Letters Reach Hongkong

In the Christmas rush of air mail, six bags from the United Kingdom to Hongkong were mislaid on the Empire route. It is learned.

After the arrival of the Imperial Airways planes Denbola and Deltic yesterday, it was claimed that all mail from England to Hongkong, which had been posted up to December 31, had reached the Colony.

In the mail brought by the Denbola were letters posted in London on December 17. They had taken exactly three weeks to come by air.

Passengers who arrived by the plane yesterday were Mr. J. Kestwick, of the Shanghai office of Jardine Matheson, returning from London, and a Chinese passenger from Bangkok.

Altogether the planes brought 770 kilos of mail from all countries.

The Denbola, which had been expected on Saturday, was delayed overnight by the weather at Fort Bayard.

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The assistance from Great Britain, the United States and France is gradually materialising. Such assistance can only have the effect of putting us in a more favourable position to negotiate peace; it is by no means sufficient to have any effect on the outcome of the war enabling us to secure a decisive victory by military measures. This is well-known to everybody and needs no further explanation.

The other sea route to be opened to regular traffic by Imperial Airways in 1939 will be the crossing of the Tasman between Sydney and Auckland, in extension of the Australian service to New Zealand.—British Wireless.

RUSSIA'S BIG PLANES

For North Pole Service To America

Moscow, Jan. 7. Far from having given up the idea of the North Pole route from Moscow to America for mail and passenger service, Russia is now constructing three large three-motored planes capable of carrying 42 passengers and a crew of six, with the intention of placing them on this route.

The planes will be completed by May, and will be thoroughly tried out on the Moscow-Vladivostok stretch before they are sent to America, via the North Pole—Trans-Ocean.

CHUNGKING-KWEIYANG

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COMMERCIAL PLANES

Germany Able to Challenge U.S.A. Next Year

Washington, Jan. 7. Despite official denials, it is authoritatively confirmed that Lindbergh has advised the Government that Germany has established herself in a position to threaten United States leadership in the production and sale of commercial aircraft.

Next year Germany will be able to market commercial planes considerably cheaper than the United States can.

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AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

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For Canada: C.N.A.C. services indefinite.

For U.S.A.: via Manila, Honolulu, Guam, China Clipper 8:30 a.m. Jan. 10.

For France via Honolulu: Air France, 6:30 a.m. Jan. 14.

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LETTERS

Wang Ching-wei

To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir.—Certain local paper states that Mr. Wang Ching-wei publishes his message to General Chiang Kai-shek all at a sudden before exchanging views with the General Executive. This is not true.

Herewith is a copy of Mr. Wang's letter addressed to the Standing Committee of the C.C.C. of Kuomintang and The National Defence Council, which gives the real fact and may interest you for publication.

P. S. LIN.

Nam Wah Jit Pao.

The following covering letter to the telegram published on December 31, 1938, was despatched by Mr. Wang Ching-wei to the Standing Committee of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang and the Supreme National Defence Council on December 20, 1938, and is now released for publication.

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ROYAL SCOTS PLAY SEVENTH DRAWN TIE IN LOCAL SOCCER

KWONG WAH MADE TO SHARE HONOURS

(By "Abe")

There is a certain quality in the football of the Royal Scots which defies description. It comes to the surface when least expected—usually when defeat for the Scots appears imminent—and at the last moment enables the team to snatch a point from bewildered opponents.

The Scots' match against Kwong Wah in the First Division of the Royal Football League, played at Kowloon yesterday afternoon, was a case in point. Outplayed by the Chinese for three quarters of the match, the Scots suddenly became revitalised and, facing a two-all score, managed to share the honours.

Out of 12 matches which they have

played in the League to date, the Royal Scots have now drawn seven, two having been won and three lost.

While admitting that Kwong Wah were somewhat unlucky in having to share the two points at stake, one can also say that in a way they brought this upon themselves. There was no doubt regarding their superiority throughout the first half and the majority of the second; but when they were over-running the Scots, they should have found the net more than twice. Had they seized all the opportunities which came their way, they would have piled up a lead which would have placed them in an unassailable position.

LEAD INSUFFICIENT

As it was, their two-goal lead did not prove sufficient when the Scots staged their magnificent recovery. Their lead was wiped off in quick time by Proctor and Hossack, and at one stage they were even in danger of defeat. Fortunately for them they succeeded in steadyng down and in the last minute of the game might have snatched a victory when Leung Bing-kam was presented with an opportunity of shooting. However, he wasted it and the chance did not come again.

Outer football was provided by the Chinese, whose attacking movements were always well-conceived. They were also far more impressive in their midfield play when the ball was swung about in an enthralling manner; but they did not always finish well, for too many scoring opportunities being frustrated away.

The defenders were in fine form, and were never harried by the Scots' attack. Young Tse-tsang, the Kwong Wah centre-half, was a tower of strength and outshone even Proctor, who was given a strenuous time by the nippy work of the opposing forwards, among whom Wong King-cheung, the outside left, was always a source of trouble.

TACTICS FAILED

In contrast with the Chinese, the Scots played the close-passing game, but these tactics failed and little progress was made. The Scots also had their chances of scoring in the first half, but finally shooting nullified some good midfield efforts.

The game opened in a manner which suggested that the Kwong Wah were far the better team.

At least they were playing very attractive football, and fully deserved the lead which Chin Chin-sun gave them when he met a corner wide

first-time to send the ball into the Scots' net.

Mr. Merrett offered to buy them at 10s.—per.

If the Cardiff City board had accepted it would have meant a total outlay of £40,000.

The directors held a four-hour meeting before reaching a decision. Then they issued the following statement: "We have considered Mr. Merrett's offer but have decided not to accept it."

Mr. Merrett, who had waited on the result of the meeting, said: "I am gratified. I have never been so treated in my life. Personally I think it is a public duty that Cardiff City should be placed in a strong position. I hope the followers of the club will support me."

—per.

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Lord Rosebery reminded the meeting that in 1913 Messrs. Weatherby adopted the suggestion of the Jockey Club that "no horse or mares can after this date be considered fit for admission to the General Stud Book unless it can be traced without flaw on both sire's and dam's side of its pedigree to the English Stud Book."

That represents the definition of thoroughbred in this country, and, of course, the great majority of horses running under Jockey Club rules conform to it.



That softball has become one of the most popular sports in the Colony is evidenced here. The game certainly is not lacking in spectators.

—Photo by Jaffer.

BEST RACEHORSE IN THE WORLD Merit Of British Bloodstock

By Robin Goodfellow (Captain Eric Rickman)

London, Dec. 7. Lord Rosebery strongly opposed attempts which, he said, were being made to admit impure strains to the English Stud Book when he spoke last night at the annual meeting of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, of which he is Chairman.

The meeting was held at Newmarket after the conclusion of the sales for the day.

The General Stud Book was first compiled and issued in 1701 by an ancestor of its present compilers and publishers, Messrs. Weatherby.

The horses and mares mentioned in Vol. I, and one or two mares recorded for the first time in Vol. II, have formed the sole ancestors of the British thoroughbred, with the exception of a few lines of North American and Australian blood, which were admitted under certain conditions in 1890.

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Manners By Post

WHEN you write a letter, do you ever follow it in your mind's eye to its destination? Do you visualize the expression on the face of the recipient when reading the contents?

You certainly ought to do so, for a letter can shine as vividly as a bright light before you, or it can weight like a stone in your pocket. It can colour the whole day for the one who receives it, or cast a grey mantle of gloom.

Which colour do your letters take with them?

If you are a bad correspondent, check the habit of putting off answering letters. Make it a golden rule to reply to all letters within three days of receiving them. If you delay, your letter will have to consist mostly of an apology, and that won't bring back a very cheerful answer.

Friendships thrive on pen and paper, but fade away for want of response. Strangely enough, the more you write the more news you will find to give.

What to say is often a problem. But it ought not to be. Pick out all the happy bits of news to relate. Never grumble or complain. If you have to mention illness or distress try to make light of it. By the time your letter is delivered the trouble will probably be improved, and your friends will worry needlessly.

Write to your friends as you would talk to them. The essence of a letter is that it should be personal. Nobody will thank you for a discourse on the European situation. It is a little thing like the soufflé that did not rise, your new jumper, or your visit to the theatre that make interesting reading for your friends.

When answering a letter, read it through carefully so that you can begin by referring to things mentioned in it before starting off on your own affairs. Always acknowledge money and invitations at once, even though you have only time to scribble a post card.

What to Avoid

Never write unkind letters. The urge to write and "tell that person off" is often strong. Maybe he—or she—has said something nasty about you or appeared to slight you in some way or other. Spoken angry words can be forgotten if they are not said too often, but written words become photographed on the mind and live long to haunt us.

If you have a sick friend or one in trouble, make time to sit down and send a word of sympathy and cheer. It is the thought that matters, not what you write.

Remember that a birthday letter is doubly appreciated if you post it in time to arrive on the right date. Keep an address book to avoid having to omit writing a letter owing to lack of an address.

Regarding replies to invitations, remember to use the same form of speech when replying. Third person calls for third person, a friendly informal note for each another. It is always a safe and polite rule to repeat the essentials, such as

PLAYTIME FASHIONS for young boys and girls.

By MARY
GRACE



BIG sister chooses a shirt with easy-fitting pleated shorts. Her two younger sisters look charming in their printed cotton tub frocks. Baby is proud of the appliquéd duck on her gay check rompers, while sonny, kneeling, looks very 'manly' in his dark linen knicker and short-sleeved shirt.

the time and date of an invitation in the answer, whether the reply is formal or the reverse.

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HOW often has an excursion been spoilt by some member of the expedition exclaiming, "I can't go any farther; my feet ache so!"

Although it is true that in some cases the cause may not be the fault of the individual, the vast majority of foot troubles are due to the person concerned.

Carelessness, ignorance or pride are the chief culprits. People cannot be bothered to get suitable shoes for walking. Some do not realise that feet unused to long walks will not function like those of an athlete.

Others have purchased shoes because they look nice or because they make the feet look small.

If you want shoes that will carry you over miles of country, over hills

Are your feet

SPOIL-SPORTS?

and dale, then buy a pair with thick soles and soft uppers, a pair that really fit. Break them in a week or two before the holiday.

Those who suffer most from foot troubles are the people with thin bony feet, flat feet or feet that perspire too freely.

Size, Please

The first class should be careful in their choice of footwear. They require bigger shoes relatively than those with flat feet because the latter are already padded and the friction of a tight shoe does not affect them to the same extent. A thinly covered foot quickly chafes if shoes are too tight.

Flat feet are those where the normal arch which gives a spring to the gait has fallen and the patient instead of being held up by the elastic bands underneath the foot, walks on the more solid bony joints of the foot.

There is no cure for flat feet in an advanced stage because the bones have changed in shape and nothing will ever alter that, but a considerable amount of relief can be obtained by wearing a soft spongy inner sole to the shoe.

In the early stages flat feet will usually yield to exercise, helped by the building-up of the shoe on its inner edge so as to throw the weight of the body on to the outer

ALTHOUGH we are having cold weather these days, it won't be long before the children will be throwing off their heavy clothes and demanding something lighter. Why not start preparing now?

Now that the sales are on, you will find plenty of remnants from which the practical designs illustrated can be made.

Look at these happy youngsters—they play freely and easily as their clothes don't worry them.

Twelve-year-old Tomboy daughter will choose shorts as No. 1174. These are more feminine this year, with pleats back and front to give a skirt-like appearance.

Grey flannel or light coloured linens are used with orange, bright green, or scarlet blouses.

Little Tommy in his short-sleeved shirt and dark blue linen knicker, No. 1175, is getting down to business.

Holding Tomboy's hand is Mary in a practical cotton frock, No. 1176, with useful buttoned bodice and knicker to match.

"Isn't the show great?" says eight-year-old Sue. She wears an easy-to-make frock, No. 1177, belted at waist and with contrast collar and binding on puff sleeves.

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This picture was taken from the goal mouth just as a little boy prepared to kick the football.—Jaffer.



Tea time for the kiddies at the K.C.C. New Year's Day Sports.—Jaffer.



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REFUGEE PROBLEM

American Ambassador And Mussolini

Washington, Jan. 7. In answer to a question on the subject the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, made a statement concerning the conversation that the American Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips, had with Mussolini in Rome last week.

Mr. Sumner Welles confirmed the report that the conversation concerned the problem of emigration of Jews from Germany, but refused to furnish any further particulars.

Mr. Welles emphasised, however, that Mussolini had shown a "conciliatory attitude."

In well-informed circles it is declared that the American Ambassador submitted to Mussolini further details of the plan for settlement of Jewish refugees in Abyssinia, and intimated that the United States would be prepared to assist in financing this project.—Trans-Ocean.

Co-ordinating Committee

London, Jan. 7. The Co-ordinating Committee for Refugees, set up five years ago, which now has Lord Hall as its Chairman, is making arrangements for grouping of various refugee organisations to whose varied efforts it seeks to give a unified direction in one office building in Central London.

Among Lord Hall's assistants is Sir Henry Bunbury, former Controller and Accountant General to the Post Office.—British Wireless.

Australian Plan

Canberra, Jan. 7. Australia is making preparations to protect herself against an influx of undesirable emigrants from Europe, according to a statement made to-day by Mr. John McEwen, Home Minister of Australia.

A net of migration offices is to be opened in co-operation with welfare associations for fugitives. All immigrants wishing to receive permission to settle in Australia are to undergo in these offices an examination by trained Australian immigration officers as to their suitability as Australian settlers.

Australia thus hopes to keep out those who would fail to become useful citizens.—Trans-Ocean.

COMBINED SERVICE

Local Anglican And Methodist Churches

A picturesque procession headed by the St. John's Cathedral and St. Andrew's and Christ Church choirs, with their congregations, left Statue Square at 6 p.m. yesterday for the Cathedral, where a combined service was held by the Anglican and Methodist Churches of Hongkong and Kowloon.

Yesterday's "Combined Service of Witness" was presided over by the Bishop, the Right Rev. R. O. Hall, and is the culmination of a week of prayer which commenced on Monday, January 2, when the Cathedral was open for Private Prayer and Meditation for half an hour before and after each service.

Among the clergy taking part in the procession were the Reverends J. R. Higgin, A. Rose, H. D. Rosenthal, J. C. L. Wong, F. Short, MacKenzie Dow, J. E. Sandbach, and Eric Moreton.

Meanwhile the Silver Crest agents in Manila denied that the ship is breaking up.—United Press.

CAR RUNS OFF ROAD

Occupants Have a Narrow Escape from Death

Lee Siu-fong, assistant manager of the Wing On Bank, his wife and two children, were involved in a traffic accident yesterday and narrowly escaped death or serious injury.

Lee was driving to Kowloon from Pingshan when the steering gears of the car went out of control near the 17½ milestone, resulting in the car going over an embankment, 20 ft. high.

None of the occupants of the car was seriously injured.

Another Mishap

A car collided with a tree in Robinson Road on Saturday when the driver swerved to avoid knocking down a boy. No one was injured.

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HUNGARY PRESENTS ULTIMATUM

BORDER TENSION GROWS AS NEW CLASH REPORTED

PRAGUE, JAN. 8.
IT IS STATED THAT AN ULTIMATUM HAS BEEN PRESENTED BY THE HUNGARIANS TO THE CARPATHO-UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT.

The ultimatum demands that the Basilej monastery, which is situated in Carpatho-Ukrainian territory, be turned over to Hungary, and threatens, in the event of refusal, to resort to force.

The time limit of the ultimatum expired to-night.—Trans-Ocean.

HUNGARIANS FIRE ON FLAG OF TRUCE

PRAGUE, Jan. 8.
A NEW SHOOTING incident of a serious nature occurred to-day near Ungvar, when, according to a semi-official Ukrainian report, Hungarian irregulars crossed the frontier this morning near the village of Douhe, and attacked Czech-Slovak frontier guards.

Following 30 minutes of fighting, during which time numerous shots were fired, the Hungarians withdrew from Czech-Slovak territory.

The Czech-Slovak liaison officer, Lieut. Novotny, and Corporal Franz Hacha, then approached the scene of the incident, bearing white armlets, and carrying a white flag, to establish contact with Hungarian officers, and to ascertain the reason for the clash.

As they appeared in the village street at Douhe, they were fired upon by the Hungarians, Corporal Hacha receiving serious wounds in the chest, and Lieut. Novotny having his coat pierced by a bullet.

JAPANESE STATION CLOSED IN S'HAI

Strong British Action Brings Protest

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8.
ACCORDING TO the Japanese press, the British military action in closing the Japanese-sponsored Greater Shanghai Municipal police station in Great Western Road last Thursday is "assuming very serious proportions." Japanese investigations show that the five-barred flag was torn in pieces, mud was thrown at a photograph of Prince Konoye, and a Chinese policeman was beaten.

The newspaper states that an official of the Greater Shanghai Municipal Government was refused permission to interview Major-General Telfer-Smollett in an effort to protest against the British action.

The newspaper "Mainichi" writes: "This British act of vandalism should be answered by decisive steps by Japan. The British resorted to action of the most malignant kind."

British military authorities state that they closed the police station because it was inside the British defence sector.

The authority of the Japanese-sponsored Chinese officials is not recognised in this area.—United Press.

Camera Men Turn Tables

Cleveland, O.
Twenty-two newspaper photographers—the men who attend many banquets—but seldom find time to eat—held a banquet of their own in a downtown hotel. The object: to give them a chance to use forks instead of light bulbs and cameras.

ATTACKED BY PIRATES Five Killed In Yangtse Outrage

SHANGHAI, Jan. 9.
THE GERMAN STEAMER Hansa was attacked on Sunday on the Lower Yangtse near Woosung by Chinese pirates.

Approaching the steamer in several junks, the pirates opened fire, killing five Chinese passengers and wounding several others. The German steamer returned the fire and prevented the pirates from boarding the ship, which, speeding up, escaped the attackers, and reached Shanghai on Sunday evening.—Trans-Ocean.

PREMIER TO TAKE PEACE PROPOSALS

LONDON, Jan. 8.
THE "UNITED PRESS" has obtained the following exclusive information from authoritative political quarters in London.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, when he goes to Rome on Tuesday, will take with him a message from the Loyalist Spanish Government to use, if he sees fit, in influencing Italy's future attitude in the Spanish conflict.

Silver Plan May Be Abandoned

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.
DECLARING THAT the United States' five-year silver buying policy had failed to obtain its objectives, Messrs. Handy and Harman, noted silver brokers, declare in their annual review of the silver market that "facts and figures" indicate the probability of the ultimate repeating of the Silver Purchase Act of 1934.

"We believe that those interested in silver should take into consideration the likelihood of such action by Congress in the future, and the effect of the market unsettlement which would be caused by the withdrawal of Government support."

Continuing, the review declares: "The year 1938 indicates clearly the market's complete dependence upon the support of the United States Government."

It estimates that the 1938 world production of silver was 264,800,000 ounces, apportioned as follows: United States, 61,400,000; Mexico, 85,000,000; Canada, 23,300,000; South America, 32,400,000, and all other countries 62,700,000 ounces.

REDUCED OUTPUT

The total output showed a reduction of 9,000,000 ounces, or about three and a half per cent, from last year's record figures, and of this amount, the United States accounts for the largest proportion.

The review also observes: "China again proved the largest source of supply for demonetized silver."

Official reports from the Chinese Maritime Customs covering the first 11 months of the year show that over 60,000,000 ounces were exported, of which 5,000,000 ounces were sent direct to England, and nearly 35,000,000 to Hongkong.

In the latter case, silver, plus other coins received prior to 1939, was sent to Hongkong to England to swell the holdings for the Chinese account already in London; and from these holdings a steady stream of coin flowed into the United States throughout the year. Presumably its ultimate destination was the United States Treasury."

It is estimated that about 210,000,000 ounces of silver were shipped from London, and about 25,000,000 ounces still remain, according to evidence from abroad.

Continuing, the review says: "In addition to the foregoing, there were sales in London on the Japanese account, which we also consider to be Chinese. Part of this silver was in the form of bars, refined in Japan, and part in Chinese coin, refined in London. Our estimate of such supplies, in excess of Japanese mine production is 15,200,000 ounces."

HONGKONG SHIPMENTS

"Hongkong shipped about 3,000,000 ounces of refined and unrefined bullion to London, and about 140,000 ounces of coin to San Francisco.

WHAT CZECHS LOST IN SEPT. CRISIS

PRAGUE, Jan. 8.
THE OFFICIAL STATISTICAL BUREAU has published official data on the new Czechoslovakia.

The area of the Republic now comprises 60,347 square miles. 24,597 square miles were surrendered to other countries after the conference in Munich on September 29.

Of this Germany received 17,208; 7,104 went to Hungary and Poland received 651.

Of the three parts of the new federal state; Slovakia, Carpatho-Russia and the historical unit of Moravia-Silesia-Bohemia; Slovakia is administratively the largest. It has an area of 23,073 square miles, Moravia-Silesia has 10,152 square miles and Carpatho-Russia 6,859 square miles. Moravia-Silesia-Bohemia which to-day are combined in a political unit altogether have an area of 20,617 square miles—49 per cent. of the area of the entire country. The present territory of Czechoslovakia comprises 70.4 per cent. of the territory it occupied before Munich.

Through Munich, Czechoslovakia lost 4,022,140 people. She has to-day a population of 9,817,000—50.6 per cent. of the original population. The "Historical Lands"—Moravia-Silesia-Bohemia, now contain 9,804,870 people—more than two-thirds of the entire population. Slovakia has 2,450,000 and Carpatho-Russia 552,124.

The numbers of the various nationalities in Czechoslovakia is as follows:

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The entire population loss of Czechoslovakia can be classified as follows:

Czechs	855,043
Slovaks	205,582
Ruthenians	9,621
Germans	234,798
Hungarians	8,705
Jews	3,308
Polks	21,324
Others	1,639

These figures were compiled by the statistical bureau on the basis of the census of 1930.

Since Slovakia and the Historical Lands were at that time considered as political one unit, the Slovaks living in the Lands and the Czechs living in Slovakia were counted as Czechs and Slovaks respectively. A certain degree of vagueness thus resulted.

Consequently it is expected that Mr. Chamberlain will use the assurances in his conversations with Signor Mussolini only if the Loyalists stop General Franco's offensive in such a way as to indicate that they are still capable of prolonged resistance.—United Press.

FRANCE UNINTERESTED

Paris, Jan. 8.
That the visit of Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax is a friendly gesture emanating from the British side, and that it bears no connection whatever with mediation in Rome, was emphasised to-day in political circles, anxious to dispel the rumours that there is a possibility of the Prime Minister arranging a settlement with Signor Mussolini.

It was declared that in view of the present tension prevailing between France and Italy, negotiations of any kind would be inopportune, and that as long as the present Italian press campaign continues, there can be no possibility of an understanding.

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The Rome conference, it is declared, will be purely an Anglo-Italian affair.

Political circles state that the visit of the two British statesmen, to the Quai d'Orsay will be devoted principally to discussion of the Spanish question. In view of the new Insurgent offensive, French circles are hoping that the British statesmen will obtain Italian assurances that the status quo in western Mediterranean will be observed.

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These accounts we attribute also to China, making the total supplies from that source 240,300,000 ounces.

The review adds that it is estimated that the total United States acquisitions of silver during 1938 was 410,200,000 ounces, which is the largest recorded, except for 1935, when the figure of 354,800,000 ounces was recorded.

The total for 1938, added to the 2,171,800 ounces on hand at the beginning of the year, amounts to 2,070,000,000, which represents the estimate of the Treasury holdings as December 31, last.

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BITTER FIGHTING ON TWO SPANISH FRONTS

SARAGOSSA, Jan. 8.

THE INSURGENT OFFENSIVE in Catalonia was carried forward on Saturday, according to the testimony of war correspondents with the Insurgent troops.

In the northern sector, the Insurgents attacked a few miles south of Artesa de Segre, which is situated to the south-east of Tremp and to the north-east of Galageur, and captured several strategically important positions in the valley of the river Sió.

At the same time, the southern army corps, marching along the road from Lerida to Borjas Blancas and Tarragona, pushed forward to within ten miles of Mont Blanch, thus crossing, for the first time, the border of the Tarragona province.

While this army was passing Sierra de Montsant from the north, the Insurgent Ebro army on Saturday

LATEST

Steamer Wrecked Near Manila

Manila, Jan. 8.

The motorship Silver Yew, using her lifeboats, to-day removed 11 passengers from the vessel, Silver Crest.

The twelfth passenger made his way ashore and is travelling to Manila by train.

Tugs are standing by the Silver Crest which is piled on the rocks.

The majority of the crew are hopeful that the ship will be refloated.

Meanwhile the Silver Crest agents in Manila denied that the ship is breaking up.—United Press.

Motor lorries crossing the frontier between China and the Western world this month.

One of the aims of British and American credits to China is to develop this trade by-pass, and a portion of the funds made available will purchase lorries to ply along the motor road nearing completion between Yunnanfu and Lashio, on the route.

Unconquered China has become nearly landlocked. Japan, having cut off the source of supplies along the Canton-Hankow railway, has induced France to close the railway through French Indo-China to war materials.

There remains the rough road from Russian Central Asia along which are carried war supplies bought from the Soviets.

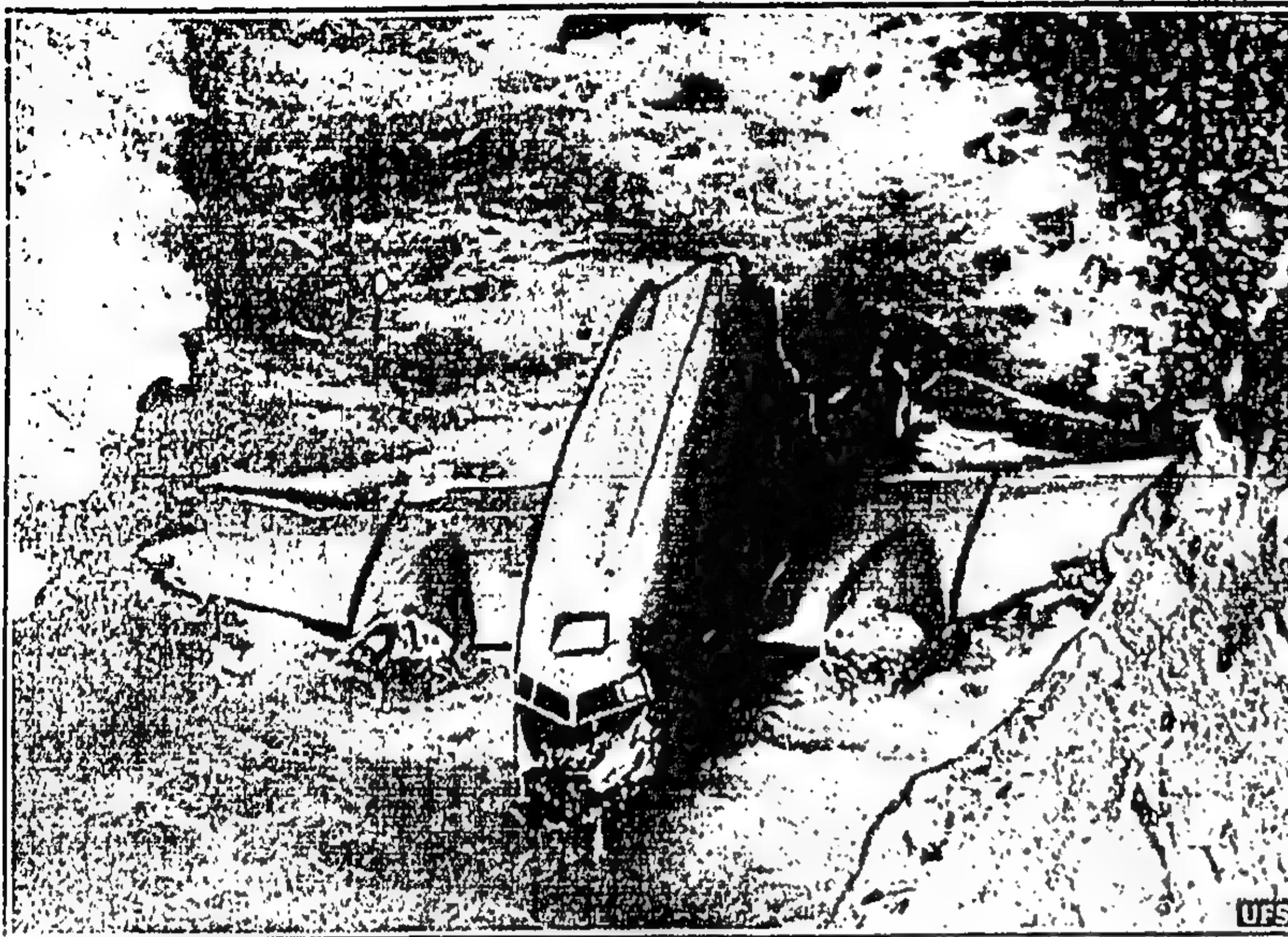
Japan seeks to shut out trade from the West by an exclusionist policy and by closing waterways and harbours to foreign trade.

Hence with the increasing menace of the British and American interest in the route through Burma

449 MILES TO BE COMPLETED

The first 270 miles of the new

Airliner Crashes



Here is the wreck of the luxurious United Air Lines transport plane being battered to pieces by the surf at the foot of a cliff near San Francisco. Pilot Charles Steed and Adore R. Edelstein, a passenger, were rescued but five others perished in the surf. A maze of radio signals, which confused the pilot, was blamed.



Mystery of the reported marriage of Sir Oswald Mosley, British Fascist chief, and Mrs. Diana Guinness, above, was cleared recently when Mosley announced in London that they were married two years ago and that his wife recently gave birth to a son. She is a sister of Unity Freeman-Mitford, Hitler admirer, recently mobbed in London.

Child' Door Bangers' Cured

CHILDREN who bang doors, talk, and shout defiance at their parents need trouble British homes no more.

Dr. Margaret Lowenfeld, of London, has established a Child Centre at the Institute of Child Psychology, where specially-trained workers play with delinquent children.

There are playrooms for children of different ages. Colour of rooms and contents are directed to a special corrective function.

The "mess room" is exactly that. It is not for eating, but for "messing about." Its walls and floors are of pale blue colour and of a washable material. Clay, earth, paints, mud, can all be "rased" with to the heart's content.

It is a sister to the "water room," where the children play, dressed in mackintoshes, rubber shoes, and oilskin caps.

Dr. Lowenfeld reports that by giving children a "free world" of their own their "temperamental twits are corrected."

Asthma Cause Killed in 24 Hours

Thanks to the discovery of an American physician, it is now possible to get rid of those terrible spells of choking, gasping, coughing and difficulty in breathing, the true cause of which is Germs in the blood. No more burning of powders, no more hypodermic injections. This new discovery means that it is now possible to stop the Germs cause of Asthma, also purifying the blood and restoring vitality so that a person can sleep soundly all night, eat anything and won't feel tired. And the more successful it is guaranteed to give you free, easy breathing in 24 hours and to stop you from having to sleep in 8 days or more, back on return of your previous condition. Get treatment from your chemist today. The guarantee protects you.

JUDGE ON WHEN A BANK SHOULD TELL Doctor's Wife Fails In Suit

A DOCTOR'S wife who said that a bank manager revealed her betting deals to her husband lost her suit for damages recently.

She was Mrs. Mary Sunderland, wife of Dr. Arthur Sunderland, of Hyde Park-mansions, Marylebone, W., and her action was against Barclays Bank, Ltd., which was awarded costs.

Mrs. Sunderland alleged that after one of her cheques had been returned marked "Refer to drawer" the manager of the Edgware-road branch of the bank told her husband that she had been using the account to pay two bookmakers.

NOT A STRANGER

Lord Justice du Pary, giving judgment, said it was plain that the bank was under no obligation to meet the cheque, and the manager was not speaking to a stranger but to the customer's husband. He had been talking to the customer herself, who relinquished the phone in favour of her husband.

"I cannot think," said Lord Justice du Pary, "that in these circumstances the bank manager was not entitled to give him that piece of information which he offered as an explanation—be it good or bad—for what the bank had done."

Dr. Sunderland, giving evidence, said that he also had an account with Barclays at the Church-street branch. He did not know his wife was using her Edgware-road account for paying betting debts, but he knew, up to a point, that she was betting.

"I knew she had the racing papers," he said, "and I knew she had a bet quite frequently, but I supposed the amounts were small. I thought it would be up to 5s. perhaps. I didn't take any interest in it."

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He told Mrs. Sunderland that her balances had been depleted by bookmakers' cheques, there was a long conversation, and then she said, "My husband is here, you had better give your reasons to him." And the telephone was handed over without any break.

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SPECIALISTS GO TO EX-KAISER

New York. Doctor Wilhelm C. Huebener, of Cincinnati, prominent heart specialist, left New York recently on a mystery visit to the ex-Kaiser at Doorn.

The doctor has been pledged to silence regarding the nature of his mission, but it is rumoured that with other world-famed doctors he is to give the ex-Kaiser a thorough medical examination.

Several times in the past Dr. Huebener has been consulted by the ex-Kaiser.

"It would be unethical for me to say anything about my visit," said Huebener.

Empire Tea Centenary

London.

A CEREMONIAL auction and a reception will be features of the celebration on Jan. 10 next of the hundredth anniversary of the first auction in London of tea produced within the Empire.

In connection with the centenary a sample of the finest teas to be grown will be selected by a Blenders Conference and presented in a golden casket to the King and Queen.

The Empire tea industry which has developed from a small garden employing a few men now employs 2,000,000 men and has more than £210,000,000 of British capital invested in it. More than 800,000,000 pounds of Empire tea is now produced annually.

DOMINATING POSITION

Sir Walter Smiles, M.P., chairman of the Centenary Committee, stated in a speech recently that of the districts described on rough maps of a century ago as a mixture of uninhabited jungle and swamp had been transferred by British capital and enterprise into a land of neat tea gardens with railways, roads, electric light, wireless, cinemas and most of the amenities of modern civilisation.

They now had in India and Ceylon research stations and laboratories where every process in growth and manufacture of tea was scientifically studied and records tabulated.

"Within 5 years of its birth the Empire industry was exporting more tea than China and to-day dominated the tea markets of the world."

£500 Award in Horoscope Libel Case

DAMAGES of £500 for libel and slander were awarded in the "horoscope" case before Mr. Justice Charles in the King's Bench Division recently.

They were in favour of Mr. Norman Crook and his wife, Hettie Elizabeth Crook, trading as the Globe Syndicate, and Mr. John Prior Exall, whom they sued. A cross-action by Mr. Mitchell against Mr. Crook and Mr. Exall for damages for alleged conspiracy and slander failed.

Mr. Justice Charles had ruled there was no evidence to go to the jury against Mrs. Alice Emily Bayley, who was joined as defendant in the libel proceedings and dismissed her from the suit with costs.

The plaintiffs complained that the Globe Syndicate had prepared a series of horoscopes, Mr. Mitchell wrote to customers with whom they had left horoscopes suggesting they were a "colourful imitation of his copyright horoscopes."

THE GREAT CHINA TRADE ISSUE

London.

If the British Government is to be moved at all over China it will be over the trade issue. This alone can shake it out of its rather easy going attitude.

The Home papers are devoting more and more attention to the issue. The "Daily Herald" recently published the following:

Economic reprisals against Japan for her freezing out of foreign trade interests from China are being seriously considered in London and Washington.

Reports from the Ambassadors of the two countries in China have indicated for some time that Japan is deliberately destroying all foreign trade competition.

SHIPS BARRED

Foreign shipping, for example, has been barred from using the Yangtse. The Japanese say this is due to the danger of mines and nearby military operations, but Japanese ships have been plying a thriving trade.

It was announced that a Japanese sponsored "monopoly" company has been established in Shanghai to control the Yangtse shipping, and will start work in the New Year.

This is only one of countless ways in which foreign interests, British and American, in particular, are being ousted from the China market.

EXPERTS AT WORK

For some time experts of the United States Department of Commerce and the Board of Trade here have been studying what retaliatory steps could be taken.

Their investigations are now so far advanced that Mr. Joseph Kennedy, United States Ambassador here, has gone to Washington and the United States Ambassador in China has been recalled for consultation.

Significantly, too, Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador in Washington, has arrived in London on holiday.

One step envisaged in American circles is to deprive Japan of her benefits under the most-favoured nation clause. Were such a step to be taken, the British Government would almost certainly follow suit.

President Roosevelt also has the power, if discrimination against the importation or sale of American goods is proved, to exclude "any or all articles" from the offending country.

It is doubtful whether such drastic steps are yet contemplated, but the question of increasing duties on Japanese imports is one that has been closely studied.

In this the experts have had the example of the Japanese themselves. At the beginning of this year the puppet Government in Peking introduced a new tariff for imports into North China under which Japanese goods benefited by from 25 to 75 per cent.

Any action of this nature would be a serious blow to Japan, for the British Empire and the United States are her principal customers, absorbing roughly 50 per cent. of her exports.

But retaliation of this sort is calculated to lead to counter-reactions and it is for this reason that the most pains-taking study of the question is being made before any decision is reached.

B. M. the "Daily Telegraph" publishes the appended statement from its own Correspondent:

Shanghai, Monday.

Great concern is felt here by British shipping circles at a report that a Japanese concern, the Yangtse Shipping Company, has been formed with the object of controlling traffic on the Yangtse under the monopolistic system, introduced by the Japanese into many branches of trade in China.

It is reported that the company was floated on Saturday at a meeting of which 50 Japanese directors were elected and a Chinese comprador

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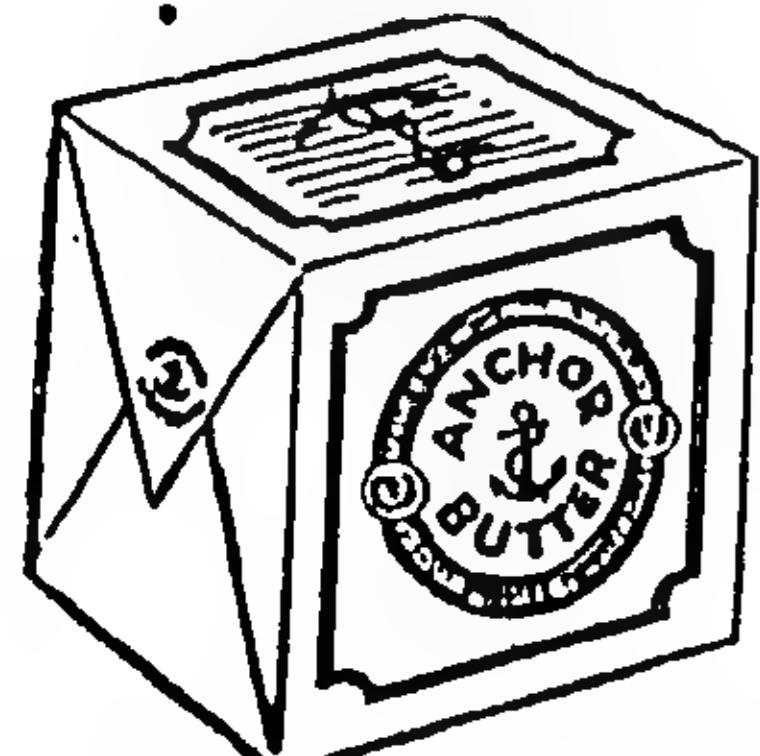
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EMPIRE NEWS

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AUCKLAND.

An effort will shortly be made to ensure that there are adequate supplies of all gas-producing coals which New Zealand needs. This would eliminate imports from Australia altogether.

More Motor Vehicles—The number of licensed motor vehicles in New Zealand is 265,137, an increase of 10.8 per cent. over the figure for the same period last year. Motor cycles show a decline of 7 per cent.

Industrial Expansion—Mr. D. G. Sullivan, Minister of Railways, Commerce and Industries, stated recently that the central executive of a bureau of industry had been formed to concentrate on working out plans for industrial expansion of new industries.—Reuters.

SOUTH AFRICA

DAMAGES CLAIM AFTER MURDER

A lawsuit thought to be without precedent in the Empire opened in the Supreme Court at Cape Town recently when the widow of a murdered man sued a man acquitted of the murder for £3,000 damages.

The widow's husband, a pawnbroker, was shot in his shop in March. In July the defendant in the present damages action was acquitted by a jury of a murder charge. The judge who presided at the murder trial is now one of the two justices hearing the claim for damages.

AUSTRALIA

FUTURE OF DAMAGED R.A.F. BOMBER

SYDNEY.

The decision of the British Air Ministry is awaited as to whether the record-breaking R.A.F. Vickers Wellesley bomber, which made a forced landing recently, shall be taken over by the Australian Air Force.

The machine was badly damaged when it came down in a ploughed field near Richmond aerodrome, New South Wales, but it could be repaired from spare parts already here.

The two other Vickers Wellesley bombers which made the record flight from Egypt to Australia began a programme of visits to Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart and Perth before returning to England from Darwin.

South Africa

RAILWAY INQUIRY DEMANDED

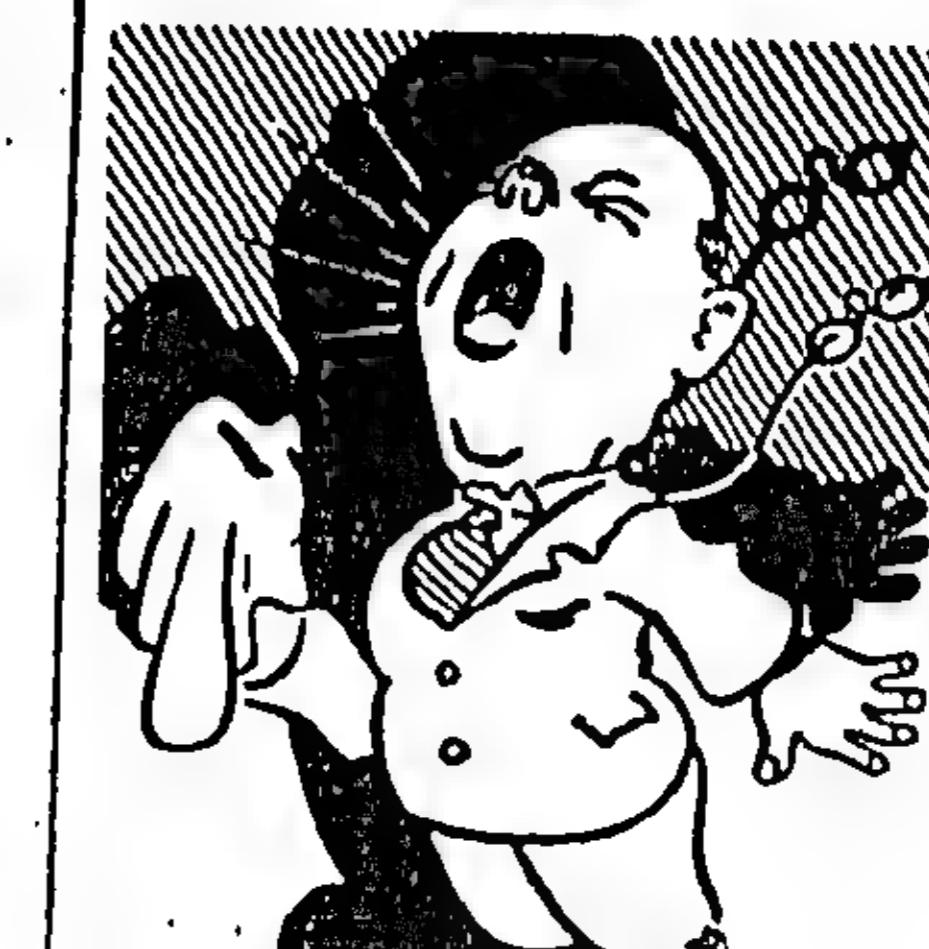
Cape Town.

A demand for a public inquiry to investigate alleged shortcomings in the administration of the South African railways was made at the congress of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of South Africa.

Among these shortcomings was mentioned the high rate of accidents and derailments.

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Chartered £	94 s.
Mercurial, A. & B. £	272 s.
Mercurial, C. £	13 s.
East Asia \$	88 s.

INSURANCES

Capitol \$	210 n.
Union \$	470 s.
China Underwriters etc.	70 s.
H.K. Fire \$	178 n.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$	64 n.
Steamboats \$	18 n.
Indo-Chinas, P. \$	55 s.
Indo-Chinas, D. \$	24 n.
Shell Bearers s/-	83/12 s.
Waterboats \$	9 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$	116 s.
Docks (old) \$	18 1/2 s.
Docks (new) \$	17 1/2 n.
Providents (old) \$	640 s.
Providents (new) \$	615 s.
New Eng. Sh. \$	560 n.
Sh. Docks, Sh. \$	100 n.

MINING

Kallan \$/-	17/6 n.
Raubs \$	93 s.
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Hongkong Mines etc.	1/2 n.
Antamoks, Pa.	52 s.
Atoks Pa.	38 1/2 s.
Bugul Gold Ps.	25 1/2 s.
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Hotels, \$	7.15 s.
Lands	374 s.
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Sh. Lands Sh. \$	640 s.
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H.K. Realties \$	5.65 n.
Chinese Estates \$	90 n.

UTILITIES

Tram \$	17.80 s.
Peak Trams (old) \$	8 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$	4 n.
Star Ferries \$	72 1/2 s.
Y. Ferries (old) \$	22 1/2 s.
Y. Ferries (new) \$	22 n.
China Light (cum. rts.) \$	9.70 s.
China Light (Rights) \$	3.50 b.
H.K. Electrics \$	58 s.
Macu Electric \$	174 s.
Sundakan Light \$	10 n.
Telephones (old) \$	24 n.
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Tractions \$/-	21/3 n.
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The above Ordinance stipulates that only plumbers licensed by the Water Authority may construct, alter or repair a service connected to the Water Works.

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To avoid contravention of the Ordinance, consumers are requested to employ only licensed plumbers on work to be done to services connected or to be connected to the Water Works.

R. M. HENDERSON,
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Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 6th January, 1939.

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THE SPANISH WAR

Franco Claims More Advances on Front

London, Jan. 7. General Franco's troops claim to have captured the town of Vinaixa, 25 miles from Tarragona, and to be continuing the advance along the Lerida-Tarragona road.

The Nationalists also claim to have cut the road ten miles east of Borjas Blancas.

The Loyalist troops resisted tenaciously but are now reported to be retreating more rapidly, with the insurgent artillery shelling their positions.

The Spanish Government declares that its surprise attack in the Estremadura sector is gaining ground.—Reuter Bulletin.

LOYALIST CLAIMS

On the other hand, according to a Barcelona communication, the Loyalists in the three days of their surprise offensive on the Estremadura front have driven a broad salient to the west, 25 miles from their original positions.

North of Fuentec Venjuna they have cleared a wide loop to the river Zugar, and have captured the road junction at Peralada and Dezueto, in the Badajoz province, only about 20 miles from the Portuguese frontier.

The capture of Fuentec Venjuna is also claimed, has cut the Insurgents' road and rail communications with the famous Penarroya mines, which are said to be half encircled.

A further message says that the Loyalists have captured the town of Grana and Dezueto Hierro, as well as La Coronada and four villages in an important advance during the Estremadura offensive.

Meanwhile, according to a Saragossa message, the Insurgents have occupied Villanova de Predes, about 10 miles from the Mediterranean, and 24 miles from Tarragona.—Reuter.

TROOPS CROSS SEGRE

Saragossa, Jan. 8.

Most of the 300,000 troops flying by General Franco against Catalonia have now crossed the Segre River, which, over the greater part of a 100-mile front, is the Loyalists' main natural defence.

Divisions of the Aragon army corps which in the early morning filed across bridges thrown over the river above Lerida, are now joining from the Balneario bridge head, and are overrunning the farm-studded countryside.

Villanueva and Acotelge, two of

the few remaining Loyalist strongholds were stormed and captured after a heavy bombardment in

the corps 12 1/2 miles east of Balneario.

The insurgents are now advancing to the west, and straightening up the line between Artesa and Borjas Blancas, the Loyalists' beaten retreat along the Lerida-Tarragona road under general.

Although the weather is good elsewhere on the front.

Reuter.

BITTER FIGHTING ON TWO SPANISH FRONTS

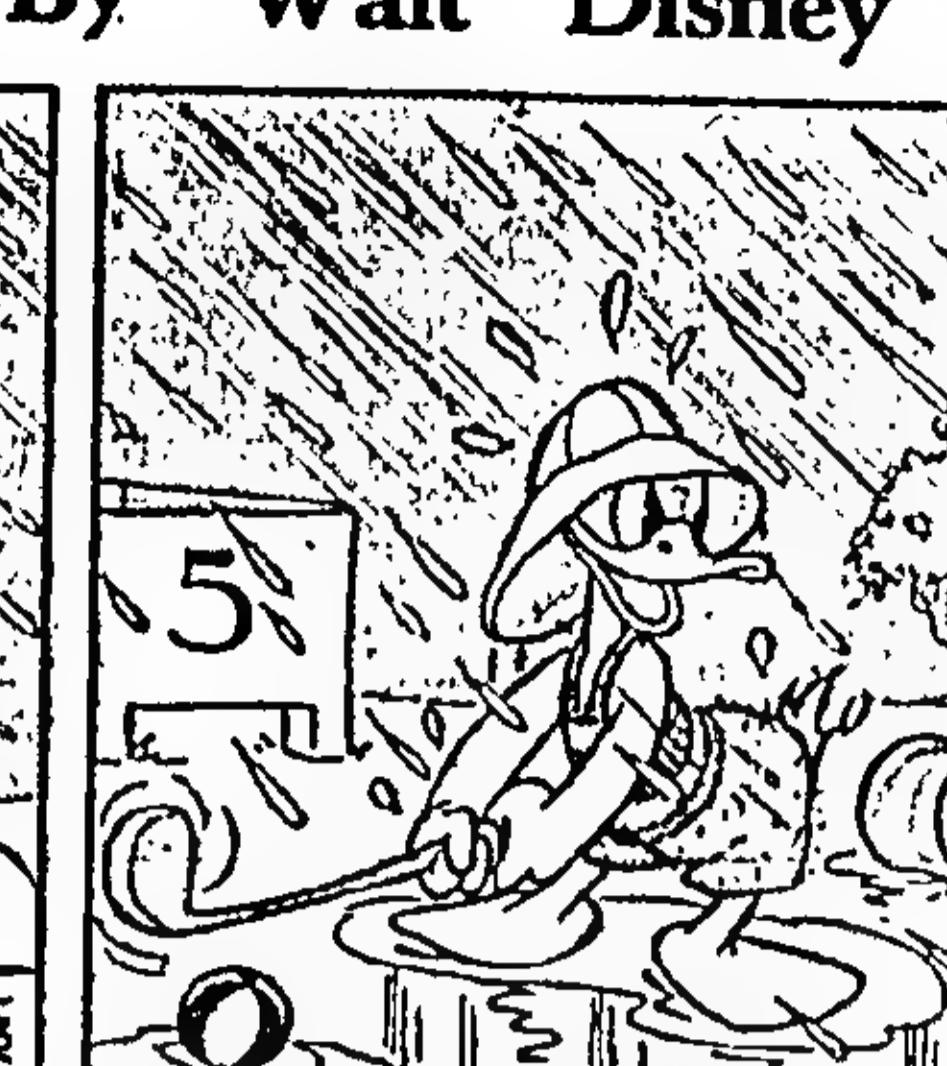
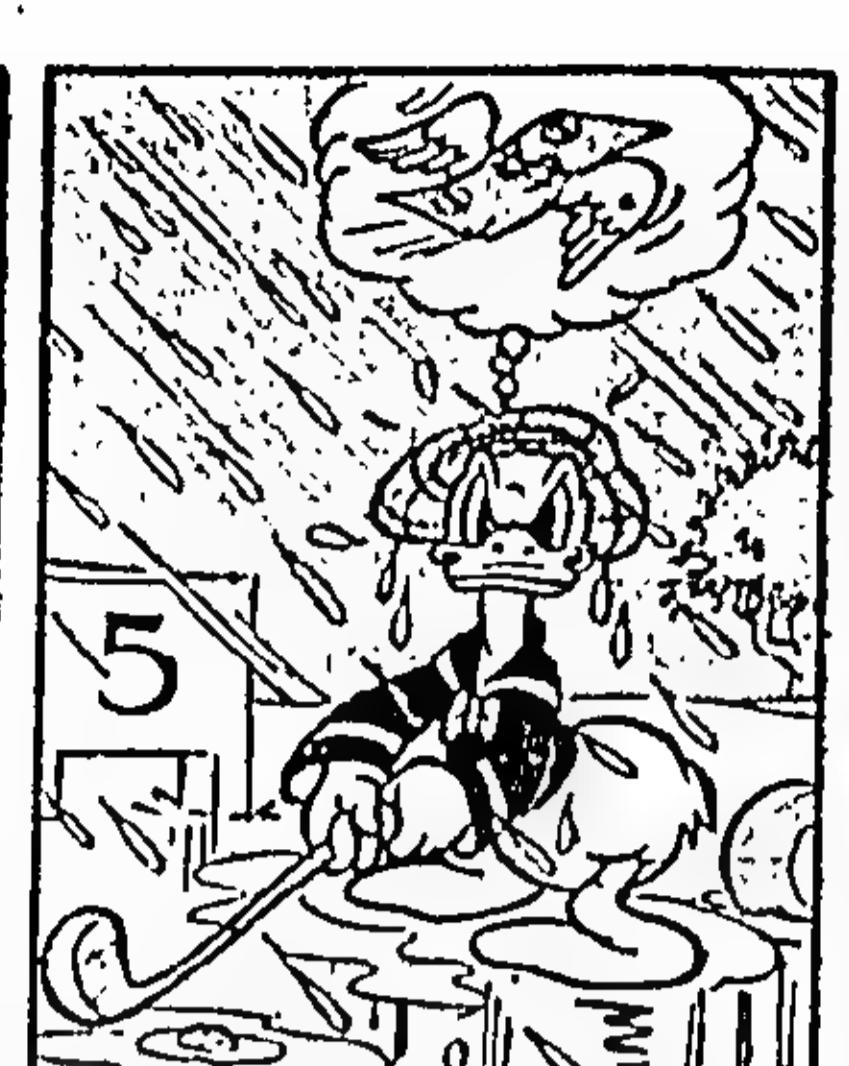
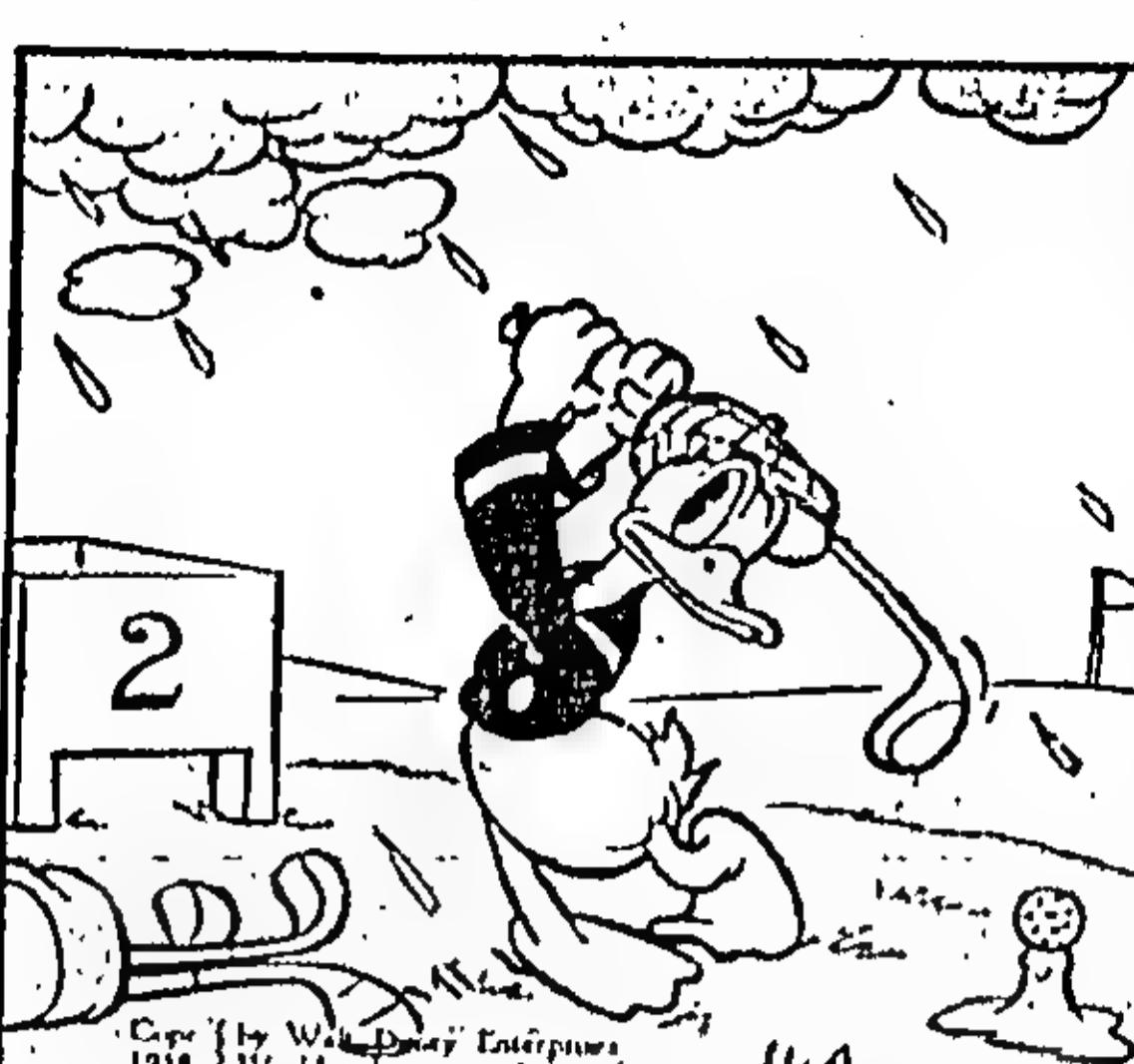
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at Tareja-Cervera. At the same time, however, the Loyalists caused considerable damage in all of the evacuated villages, whose inhabitants they took with them in the retreat.

LOYALIST COUNTER-CLAIMS

According to a Barcelona message, the Defence Ministry issued the following war bulletin on Saturday night: Estremadura Front. Loyalist troops continued their victorious advance on Saturday. After crossing the river Zajar, they occupied the village of Peralada, de Zaucego, and continued their march in the

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TSENGSHING RE-TAKEN

CHINESE CLAIM VICTORY IN SOUTH CHINA FIGHTING

It is officially claimed by the Chinese that Tsengshing was re-captured yesterday after heavy fighting and that the Japanese have retreated westward and are concentrating at Chuchuen, on the Tsengshing-Canton highway. A Japanese detachment from Kowkong has captured Chentsun, in the Shuntak district. Chinese guerrillas have been active along the Canton-Sumshui railway.

On the Chekiang front, the Chinese are attempting to capture Hangchow. The bulk of the 63rd Chinese Division has already crossed the Chientang River to the south-west of the city but is meeting with stiff opposition.

In Hsiao, the Japanese have launched a general offensive against the Communist forces concentrated in the vicinity of Wukao, and are reported to have resumed their push westward along the Lunghai railway in Honan.

Reports from Shensi claim Chinese successes, and state that a counter-attack on Lishih has been launched.

The Chinese guerrillas harassing the Shawan Channel south of Canton have been gathering there, including artillery and cavalry units, while the number of warships off the shore of Hohow is also being increased.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

Tsengshing Re-captured

Kwai-ling, Jan. 8. A military report states that the bulk of the Japanese forces at Kowkong and Hotsing, 24 miles south of Canton, has been shifted to Yukong in the vicinity.

Chinese guerrillas, it is revealed, staged a surprise raid on the enemy at Yukong a few days ago, when many Japanese were killed.—Central News.

Chentsun Attacked

Kongmoon, Jan. 8. A detachment of 400 Japanese from Kowkong attacked Chentsun, a commercial town in Shuntak District, on January 4 and were engaged by the Chinese Self-Defence Corps. The Japanese were later reinforced and the Chinese were compelled to retreat to Shatow, a town in Nanhui District.

It is definitely learned that preparations have been made by the Japanese in Sumshui for a drive along the West River in the near future. Nearly five thousand Japanese have been gathering there, including artillery and cavalry units, while the number of warships off the shore of Hohow is also being increased.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

Troop Train Attacked

Shihung, Jan. 8.

The Japanese along various sections of the Canton-Sumshui railway have been repeatedly harassed by Chinese guerrillas. Late on New Year's Day, over 100 Chinese guerrillas lay in wait for the Japanese who were expected to pass a point near Sainan. As the Japanese military train was passing, the Chinese rushed forward and engaged the Japanese and after half an hour's fighting, nearly forty Japanese were killed, while the locomotive was destroyed.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

CLOTHING STOLEN
Thieves Busy Towards
The Week-End

Clothing valued at \$70 and belonging to various military officers, was stolen from Gun Club Hill, Kowloon, between midnight and 6 a.m. on Friday, according to a report made to the police by Captain Martin, of the R.A.M.C.

Chen Sam, a woman residing at 47 Cooke Street, Hung Hom, has reported that a box containing money and jewellery to the value of \$220 was stolen from her home on Friday. The residence of another woman, Kwok Pak-tim, was entered between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. on Saturday, and jewellery, money and clothing valued at \$30 were stolen.

Mr. M. N. Rukusen, residing at No. 4 Village Road, has reported the loss of clothing valued at \$570 from his residence on Saturday night.

Office Stamp Lost

Mr. W. Sharpe, Secretary of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company, reports that some person stole \$10 worth of postage stamps from the office between 8 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. on Saturday.

A water meter, valued at \$50, was reported stolen from the Hung Hom Market on Friday, by Sanitary Inspector A. C. Sinton. The meter is the property of the Government.

APPOINTMENTS

Notifications in The
Government Gazette

It is officially reported that after sanguinary fighting the Chinese troops succeeded to-day in recapturing Tsengshing. The Japanese in Kuo-yun-yu Cave, Taiwo, and Kiu-tow, all near the Canton-Tsengshing highway, have retreated westward. The main Japanese force is said to be concentrating at Chuchuen, a town on the highway.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Messrs. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, o.m.c.j.p. and Cyril Champkin, j.p., to be members of the Licensing Board for a further period of three years.

Mr. H. A. Mills is to be Assistant Postmaster General and Chief Accountant, General Post Office, with effect from January 1, 1939.

Drs. Tai Hon-hung, m.m., c.m., (D.M.), and Teng Pin-hui, m.m., b.s. (M.R.), are appointed Health Officers.

It is also notified that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Honourable Mr. Andrew Lush Shields to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, vice Mr. Marcus Theodore Johnson, resigned, with effect from October 10, 1938.

Entry forms, with full particulars, may be obtained from the Sailors and Soldiers' Home or from most photographic dealers. The last date for receiving entries is Wednesday, January 25, at 5 p.m.

Inspector A. V. Baker prosecuted.

PAPER CHASE IN HILLS
Event Arranged by The
European Y.M.C.A.

A paper chase was organised by the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday morning. The course started from the terminus of Waterloo Road, went on to Lion Rock and around the adjoining slopes into the Kowloon Golf Club, ending at the Y.M.C.A. hockey ground, King's Park.

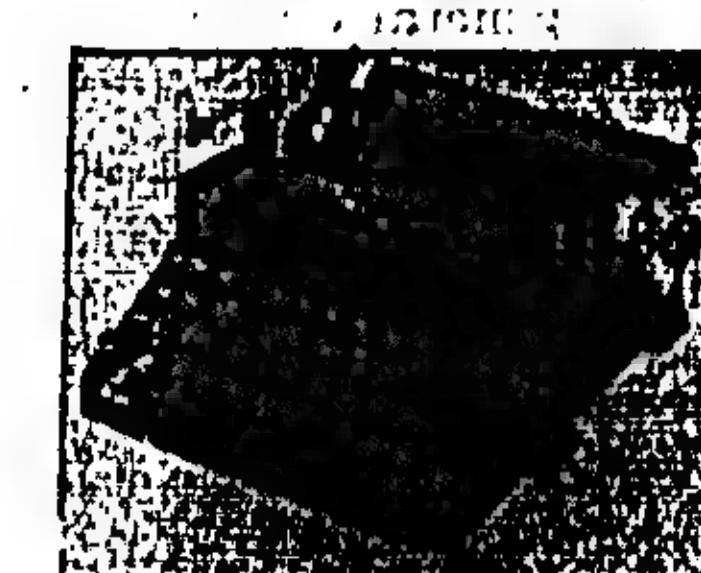
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The next paper chase, which will be a "bill chase" will be held on February 5. The object of this chase will be to throw away as many unwanted bills as possible for the trail. The Paper Chase Club invites as many unwanted bills as possible from people who are being bothered by creditors.

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The keeper of the divan, Chu Ho, appeared before Mr. E. H. Hinsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday, and was fined \$200, or four months' hard labour, on the charge of keeping the divan, and a further \$10 or another month for possession of the opium.

Haul of Heroin

Arrested in possession of 20,601 heroin pills in a flat at Aberdeen Street on December 30, Kwok Kai, 56, unemployed, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour, and fined \$2,500 or another six months' hard labour, by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy on Saturday.

Kwok was also charged with possession of one tael of prepared opium, and keeping an opium divan, and was fined \$45 or two months' hard labour, the sentences to be concurrent with those on the other charges.

THEFTS OF TREES

Wood Found Concealed In
Wanchai Houses

Three odd-job-cookies, Ip Yun-mui, 29, Cheung Shek-kei, 31, and Cheung Wing-wah, 28, were each fined \$5, or two weeks' hard labour, when they appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy on Saturday, charged with the possession of 406 entities of pine tree wood at No. 1 Electric Street, Wanchai.

Mr. I. P. Tamworth, Assistant Superintendent of Botanical and Forestry Department, said that he raided the flat on a warrant and found the wood hidden beneath several beds. The wood was worth \$9.32.

A woman who was charged with possession of 434 entities of wild tree wood at another house in Electric Street, was fined \$10. Several other men and women similarly charged were each fined \$6 or three weeks' hard labour.

Inspector A. V. Baker prosecuted.

CARNIVAL DANCE

The Diocesan Girls' School was the scene of a gay function on Saturday morning. The course started from the terminus of Waterloo Road, went on to Lion Rock and around the adjoining slopes into the Kowloon Golf Club, ending at the Y.M.C.A. hockey ground, King's Park.

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8.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

8.32 New Dance Music and Varieties.

Why Talk About Love—Quickstep; Tears In My Heart—Slow Fox-Trot...Henry Jacques and His Orchestra; Fold Your Wings ("Glamorous Night");...Mary Ellis and Trevor Jones;...acc. by Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra; Bull It In—Slow Fox-Trot; Doctor Rhythm—Fox-Trot...The New Lyrical; Fleur Bleue—Slow Fox-Trot; Je Chante—One Step Chante...Charles Trenet acc. by Bill Berg and His Orchestra; What Is Romance?—Slow Fox-Trot; The Chocolate Soldier's Daughter—Quickstep...Roy Fox and His Orchestra; Just In Fun...Max Miller (Comedian); You're An Education—Quickstep; So Long, Sweetheart—Slow Fox-Trot...Henry Jacques and His Orchestra; The Yam Step—As Explained by Fred Astaire; The Yam (Film: Carefree);...Fred Astaire with Ray Noble and His Orchestra; Small Fry—Slow Fox-Trot;...A Little Toy Sail Boat—Fox-Trot;...Geraldo and His Orchestra; Lets All Have A Chorus...With Tommy Handley and His Pals.

7.30 The Schipa

La Cumparsita—Tango; Confession—Tango; Princesita (Little Princess).

7.40 The Milan Symphony Orchestra

La Muta di Portici—Overture (Auber); Fra Diavolo—Overture (Auber); Manon Lescaut—Intermezzo (Puccini).

8.00 Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—"That Music Reminds Me"

8.30 The Latest Dance Music, Silver On The Sage (Film: The

Texans)—Fox-Trot; There's A Brand New Picture In My Picture Frame (Fox-Trot)...Tommy Tucker and His Orchestra; There's Rain In My Eyes—Slow Fox-Trot...Man-to-vin and His Orchestra; Hush, Here Comes the Dream Man—Slow Fox-Trot; Teddy Tall In Town Today—8-8 One Step...Henry Hall and His Orchestra; Algernon, Whiffle-noon, John—Comedy Fox-Trot; When It's Thursday Night In Egypt—Comedy Fox-Trot...Harry Roy and His Orchestra; They Gave Him a Gun To Play With—Fox-Trot; When the Circus Came to Town—Novelty Fox-Trot...Jay Wilbur and His Band.

9.00 London Relay—"Hands Across the Sea" by Noel Coward.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

Concerto No. 1 in E Minor Op. 11

...Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra;

Nocturne in C Sharp Minor...Natal Miletin (Violin); Etude No. 7, Op. 25...Lener String Quartet;

Polonaise in E Flat...Jose Echaniz (Pianoforte).

10.30 London Relay—In Town To-night

Introducing personalities from every walk of life in interviews with Lionel Gammie, sketch from the news of the week, and 'Standing on the Corner' (Michael Standing). Edited and Produced by C. F. Mehan.

11.00 Close Down.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

Russian Community Hold Christmas Festival

St. Valentine's Day, set aside for children in Russia, was celebrated by the Russian Community in Hongkong with a party at the St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday, when over 70 children were present.

The party was arranged by a committee from the Russian Orthodox Church. They were Mrs. V. A. Afanassieff, Mrs. A. Moors, Mrs. L. Kroloff and Mrs. L. Veriga.

The hall was tastefully decorated, while a Christmas tree laden with bon-bons and toys were placed in the centre. These were later distributed to the children.

A speech was given in Russian by the Rev. Dimitre of the Russian Orthodox Church, while Mrs. A. Shapiro was the leader of the chorus for the singing. Other items included recitation of a number of Russian poems.

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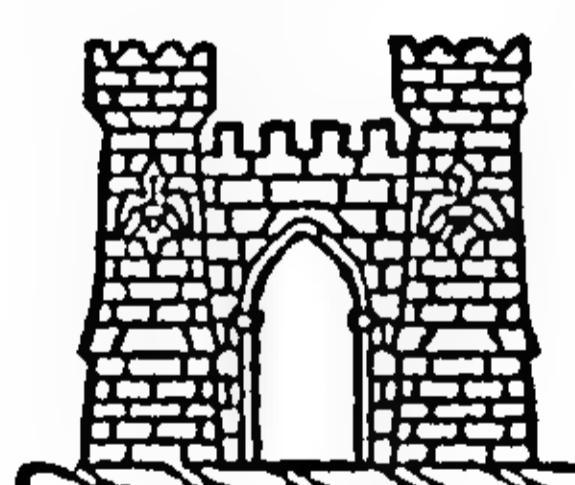
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Appeasement or Peace?

THAT WE SHOULD live at peace with all our neighbours is an ideal that no one would wish to repudiate. Nor need the fact that some nations have adopted forms of Government very different from our own be by itself an obstacle to peaceful relationships between our democracies and their dictatorial regimes.

The difficulty arises, however, in international policies, for countries like Germany and Italy and Japan insist on deciding for themselves what they consider their due, and definitely set about reaching their goals by violent means without any regard to the rights of other peoples. This is an attitude that makes true Peace impossible. In its place the world becomes an anarchy, where Might alone determines right.

Japan overruns China, Italy annexes Abyssinia, Germany seizes Austria and Czechoslovakia. The League of Nations advances a very different plan for World Peace as its objective. It is founded on the democratic virtue of tolerance. The integrity and independence of each nation—however small and insignificant it may be—is to be respected. Violence is no longer to be used by any nation as a means of securing what it considers justice for itself. No nation is to be judge in its own cause. Disputes are to be settled in a third-party world forum and Governments agree to abide by decisions so reached. Patent injustices in relationships are to be remedied by peaceful means in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and goodwill. The United strength of the whole Community of Nations is pledged against aggression and anarchic violence.

This programme for peace is the only one that is workable; and the present unhappy conditions that prevail universally are due to its abandonment by the nations that pay lip service to its tenets but in practice betray its principles.

We have sought appeasement with the militarist aggressive nations by yielding to their demands. The whole fabric of Law and Order has broken down. Every nation is wasting its substance in preparation for the calamity of another World War, which threatens to destroy all the values of the civilisation that has been so painfully built up.

Are we to continue this surrender? It is perhaps not too late even now to return to the League of Nations, for even today the nations that stand for Law and Order, and Peace are sufficiently powerful to check the flood of insanity that threatens to overwhelm the world.

INNOCENT—AND 21 YEARS IN GAOL

IN the early days of the Russian revolution, when the Allies still thought that Russia could be persuaded to continue the war, President Wilson sent a distinguished journalist as an unofficial ambassador to St. Petersburg. The first night after his arrival he awoke to see collected outside his hotel a huge crowd who shouted in unison one word only, "Muni, Muni."

The journalist, impressed by what he took to be a pro-American demonstration, inquired what this curious Russian expression might mean. He was then told that it was the name of a Californian Labour leader who a little while before had been sentenced to death for supposed participation in a bomb outrage.

This man, Thomas J. Mooney, his sentence commuted to life imprisonment, is after 21 years of confinement, to gain his freedom. Last week the Californian Governor kept his promise made at the recent gubernatorial elections, to sign a pardon for his release.

Of Mooney's innocence there is no doubt. The judge at his trial, and nine of the ten surviving jurymen, signed a petition for his pardon. Under the heading of "The Lawless Enforcement of Law," the Wickersham Commission, appointed by President Hoover to investigate "Law Enforcement and Observance," drew up a lengthy report on Mooney's case which completely vindicated him.

This section of the report was suppressed. However, by a vote of the Senate, President Hoover was compelled to produce it, and it is from that suppressed report that the following facts of the case are taken.

ON the afternoon of July 22, 1916, a bomb exploded during a pro-war "Preparedness Day" parade in San Francisco. Nine persons were killed and forty wounded. Owing to the failure of the police to examine the site, the nature of the bomb was never determined. Though a tin canister had been seen falling from the roof of a nearby building the police deduced from a cog-wheel belonging to an alarm clock found near the scene by a souvenir-hunter that the explosion was caused by a time bomb concealed in a suitcase. No parts of a suitcase were, however, found.

A private detective, Martin Swanson, previously in the pay of the Employers' Association, was given charge of the case by the District Attorney, and he advised the immediate arrest of Mooney, his wife, two other Labour leaders, Warren Billings and Edward Nolan, and a taxi-driver, Israel Weinberg. The (Mooney) if the detective in first four were known to be spector had not turned around to me and said in a low voice, "This is your man, this is

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A FACTORY WITHOUT MACHINERY Where Everything Is Made By Hand

IN these days of mechanisation it is a pretty unusual thing to find a factory without machinery.

This actually is the case with the new "Sobranie House" the premises now occupied in London by A. Weinberg, manufacturers of the famous Balkan Sobranie tobacco and cigarettes.

During a recent visit a Press representative failed to find one single piece of machinery other than the tobacco cutting machines, and these are used, so said Mr. David Redstone, only because good hand cutters are nearly extinct to-day in Britain and a labour minded government will not allow foreign tobacco cutters to be imported.

The absence of the noise of machines is noticeable, and added to the general cleanliness and spaciousness, almost a cathedral effect is produced. Only the very best, high priced tobaccos are used in this factory, and pretty nearly every particle of dust is removed from it by successive siftings.

ROWS OF WORKERS

Every process is done by hand and it is quite a fascinating sight to see the rows of cigarette makers, with their fingers working like lightning, picking out just the right amount of tobacco for each cigarette, making the cigarette and dropping it into a wooden trough, from which it is collected by girls for

HEREDITARY GIFTS

Balkan Sobranie owes its reputation to the hereditary gifts of one talented family, who do all the blending themselves, and what that family do not know about tobacco seems hardly worth knowing.

The firm was founded by Mr. Albert Weinberg in the early seventies of last century at the very beginning of the Turkish cigarette trade in this country. Mr. Weinberg was one of the



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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichy



"So they gimme a pardon, eh? Well, that's society for you—they teach you a trade, then turn you out where you can't make a living at it!"

ROYAL SCOTS PLAY SEVENTH DRAWN TIE IN LOCAL SOCCER

KWONG WAH MADE TO SHARE HONOURS

(By "Abe")

There is a certain quality in the football of the Royal Scots which defies description. It comes to the surface when least expected—usually when defeat for the Scots appears imminent—and at the last moment enables the team to snatch a point from bewildered opponents.

The Scots' match against Kwong Wah in the First Division of the Football League, played at Kowloon yesterday afternoon, was a case in point. Outplayed by the Chinese for three quarters of the match, the Scots suddenly became revitalised and, facing a two-nil score, managed to share the honours.

Efforts made by the Scots to equalise were not aided by the fact that Allen, at inside left, was injured and had to be assisted off the field; and though he returned shortly before half-time, he was not as effective as he had been before.



That softball has become one of the most popular sports in the Colony is evidenced here. The game certainly is not lacking in spectators.—Photo by Jaffer.

Out of 12 matches which they have played in the League to date, the Royal Scots have now drawn seven, two having been won, three lost.

While admitting that Kwong Wah were somewhat unlucky in having to share the two points at stake, one can also say that in a way they brought this upon themselves. There was no doubt regarding their superiority throughout the first half and the majority of the second; but when they were over-running the Scots, they should have found the net more than twice. Had they seized all the opportunities which came their way, they would have piled up a lead which would have placed them in an unassailable position.

LEAD INSUFFICIENT

As it was, their two-goal lead did not prove sufficient when the Scots staged their magnificent recovery. Their lead was wiped off in quick-time by Proctor and Hossack, and at one stage they were even in danger of defeat. Fortunately for them they succeeded in steady down and in the last minute of the game might have snatched a victory when Leung Bing-kam was presented with an opportunity of shooting. However, he wasted it and the chance did not come again.

Better football was provided by the Chinese, whose attacking movements were always well-conceived. They were also far more impressive in their mid-field play when the ball was swung about in an entertaining manner; but they did not always finish well, far too many scoring opportunities being frittered away.

The defenders were in fine form, and were never harried by the Scots' attack. Young Tse-tsang, the Kwong Wah centre-half, was a tower of strength and outshone even Proctor, who was given a strenuous time by the nippy work of the opposing forwards, among whom Wong King-cheung, the outside left, was always a source of trouble.

TACTICS FAILED

In contrast with the Chinese, the Scots played the close-passing game, but these tactics failed and little progress was made. The Scots also had their chances of scoring in the first half, but faulty shooting nullified some good mid-field efforts.

The game opened in a manner which suggested that the Kwong Wah were by far the better team. At least, they were playing very attractive football and fully deserved the lead which Chin Chi-fun gave them when he met a corner kick first-time to send the ball into the Scots' net.

£40,000 OFFER TO BUY CLUB

London, Dec. 18.—Cardiff City directors last night refused a £40,000 offer from Mr. H. E. Merrett, a South Wales sportsman, to buy up all or part of the club shares.

Mr. Merrett also stated that if the deal went through he would spend £20,000 on players and improve the ground facilities at Ninian Park.

Cardiff City shares at the moment are worth between 5s. and 6s. Mr. Merrett offered to buy them at 10s.—

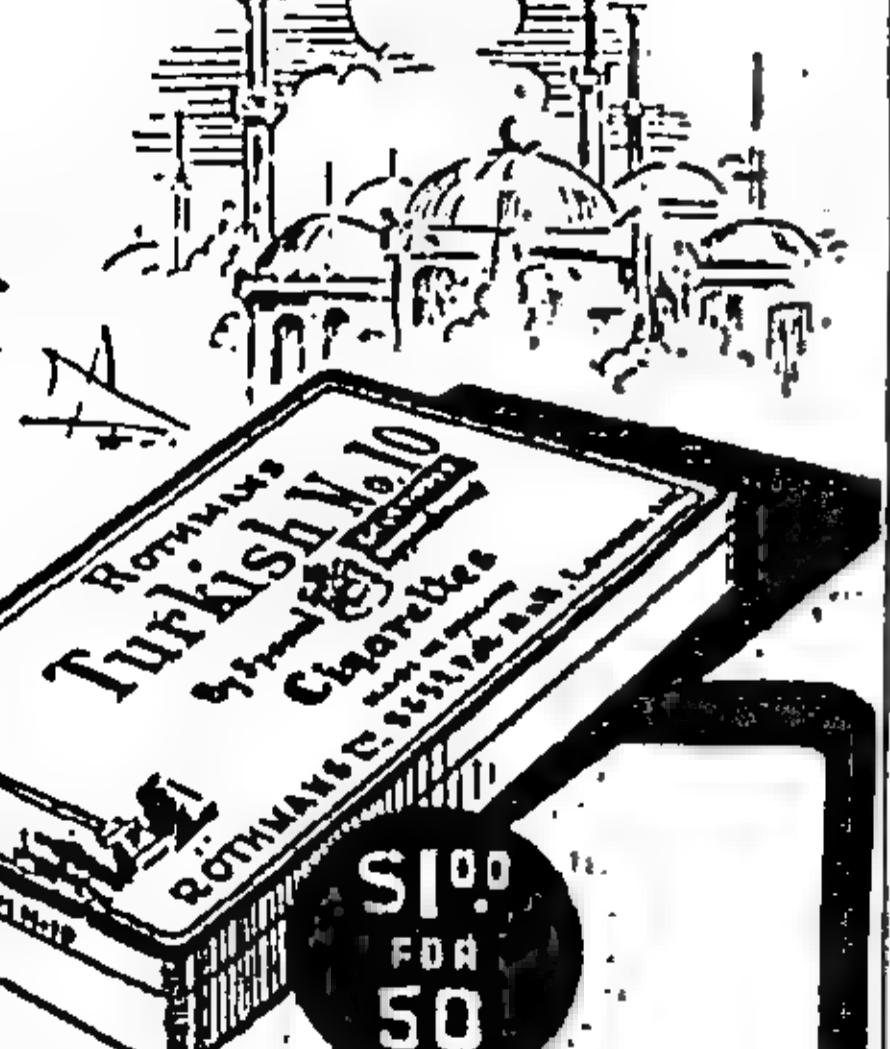
If the Cardiff City board had accepted it would have meant a total outlay of £40,000.

The directors held a four-hour meeting before reaching a decision. Then they issued the following statement: "We have considered Mr. Merrett's offer but have decided not to accept it."

Mr. Merrett, who had waited on the result of the meeting, said: "I am amazed, I have never been so treated in my life. Personally, I think it a public duty that Cardiff City should be placed in a strong position. I hope the followers of the club will support me."

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TWO MATCHES DECIDED IN HONGKONG HOCKEY ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT

Two matches were decided yesterday in the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament, the C.B.A. beating the Police "A" at Boundary Street and the Club de Recreio overcoming Police "B" on the same ground.

Starting with only ten men, the Police "A" were hard-pressed, but they soon settled down and took the lead when Fauna Singh, the outside right, seized upon a rebound, beat J. J. King.

Exchanges were very even at this stage. Though the C.B.A. were seen in several nice movements, they were unable to find the net for a long period, and only the splendid work of King between the posts saved them

from being further in arrears. King made some fine interceptions in the course of a fierce Police attack.

The Police held their slender lead up to five minutes from the interval. A short corner was awarded the C.B.A. and from this George Fowler scored the equaliser.

On resumption the Police played with a full side and subjected the C.B.A. to a strenuous line. However, they were unable to score

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NAVY DEFEAT ARMY IN LAST FIXTURE OF TOURNAMENT

INTERESTING RUGGER AT CAUSEWAY BAY

(By "Fly-Half")

On Saturday afternoon the Navy defeated the Army by 14 points (a goal and three tries) to nil in the last match of the Triangular Rugby Tournament at Causeway Bay.

Cologne, Jan. 8.—The European Zone Davis Cup Committee, meeting here to-day under the chairmanship of its President, M. Pierre Gilhou, decided to make several important proposals to the International Tennis Federation regarding the system of holding European Zone matches.

The first proposal was that the tournament should be confined to four rounds instead of five.

It was furthermore proposed that nations which possessed strong teams in the previous year should be "seeded" while those which were eliminated in the first round should not be permitted to compete in the following year. If their inclusion would make more than four rounds necessary.—Trans-Ocean.

The winners held an advantage behind the scrum where the backs, despite the wet ball, handled extremely well. The Army forwards, especially Berry and Crawford, did well, the former figuring in many forward rushes.

Rain had rendered the ground rather sodden. The match between the two Club teams, which was played prior to the Triangular Tournament match, had stirred the pitch up a bit. The state of the ground suited the Army, as fast back play was more or less out of the question.

Crawford captained the Army side in the absence of Cuthbertson through injury. Cuthbertson, it is understood, is still suffering from the effects of a wrenched knee and damaged ankle received in the game against the Club a fortnight ago.

Another absentee through injury was Lt. S. Romans, of the Navy. He had injured his knee whilst playing for H.M.S. Eagle against the Club last Wednesday.

GOOD FORWARDS

The Navy forwards were collectively as good as their opponents, whilst such players as Berry, Crawford and Page were always prominent in the loose. Navy forwards were superior in the line-outs and their back-up was splendid. Darling, Ogle and Withersden were up with the play on most occasions.

Talbot excelled at scrum-half for the Navy despite the fact that because of the state of the ground, the ball was very slow in being held. Both inside threes in the Navy team played cleverly and showed good understanding with each other's play. An effective movement which the Navy backs could not make three dashing in and taking the ball off between the scrum-half and the stand-off. This made it difficult for the Army stand-off to know which man to take.

Askwith's forceful running was once again much in evidence. Stevens, at full-back for the Navy, was faultless. Lomax, the Army full-back, played a very sound game and under the conditions his handling was perfect.

Boe and Hook were the pick of the Army backs.

NAVY SCORE

Navy were not long in making a score as within 10 minutes Hankin

WEEK-END FOOTBALL RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

Club	2	Eastern	3
Kowloon	2	Middlesex	4
Police	2	Navy	1
Kwong Wah	2	Royal Scots	2

SECOND DIVISION

Club	3	Eastern	1
Kowloon	0	Middlesex	4
Police	1	5th. Bde.	2
Engineers	5	R.A.C.	1
Kwong Wah	1	Royal Scots	2
South China	2	St. Joseph's	1

THIRD DIVISION "A"

Club	4	South China	1
5th. Bde.	-	P.W.D.	-
130th Bty. R.A.	-	Royal Scots	-
Engineers (C)	-	R.A.S.C.	-
K.H.I. Chee	-	Stanley	-
† Postponed	-	Postponed	-

THIRD DIVISION "B"

University	2	Kumoons	5
Powhatan	0	R.A.F.	12
Stonecutters W/T	6	Engineers (E)	0
Signals	3	24th. Bty. D.	2
J.A.S.A.	-	Medicals	-

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GOLF AT FANLING

The junior championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was begun on the old course at Fanling yesterday. The first 18 who qualify for the match play stages are C. H. Burton, J. W. Mayhew, N. K. Littlejohn, W. W. C. Shewan, B. H. N. Williamson, B. J. L. C. Pearce, T. J. Price, B. C. M. Stark, 87, C. D. N. Walker, J. Forbes, E. Figgiano, L. M. Wylo, R. M. Henderson, T. F. R. Waters, 90, J. Harrop, J. S. Dunnett, 91.

Other scores—F. C. Young, T.

Megarry, 93, C. W. E. Bishop, A.

Nicol, R. M. Wood, J. Petrie, 94.

trate the defence, and when the ball was moved over to the other end S. Fowler and G. Fowler were seen in a nice movement which ended in the latter scoring.

This proved to be the winning goal.

RECREIO DEFEAT POLICE "B"

In the other game of the day, Club de Recreio beat Police "B" by three goals to nil. The winners were definitely the better team and as a result the game was rather one-sided.

The Portuguese led one-nil at half-time, through a goal scored by J.

Forrester.

In the second period, the Recreio forwards put on pressure and netted two more goals, the marks

men being Forrester and L. G. Gomes.

It is a curious thing about "tossing for choice" that the advantage is usually with the man with the coin.

And in Test cricket the rule is

that the captain winning the toss

gives his team first use of the wicket in three of five matches—and surely that is sufficient advantage?

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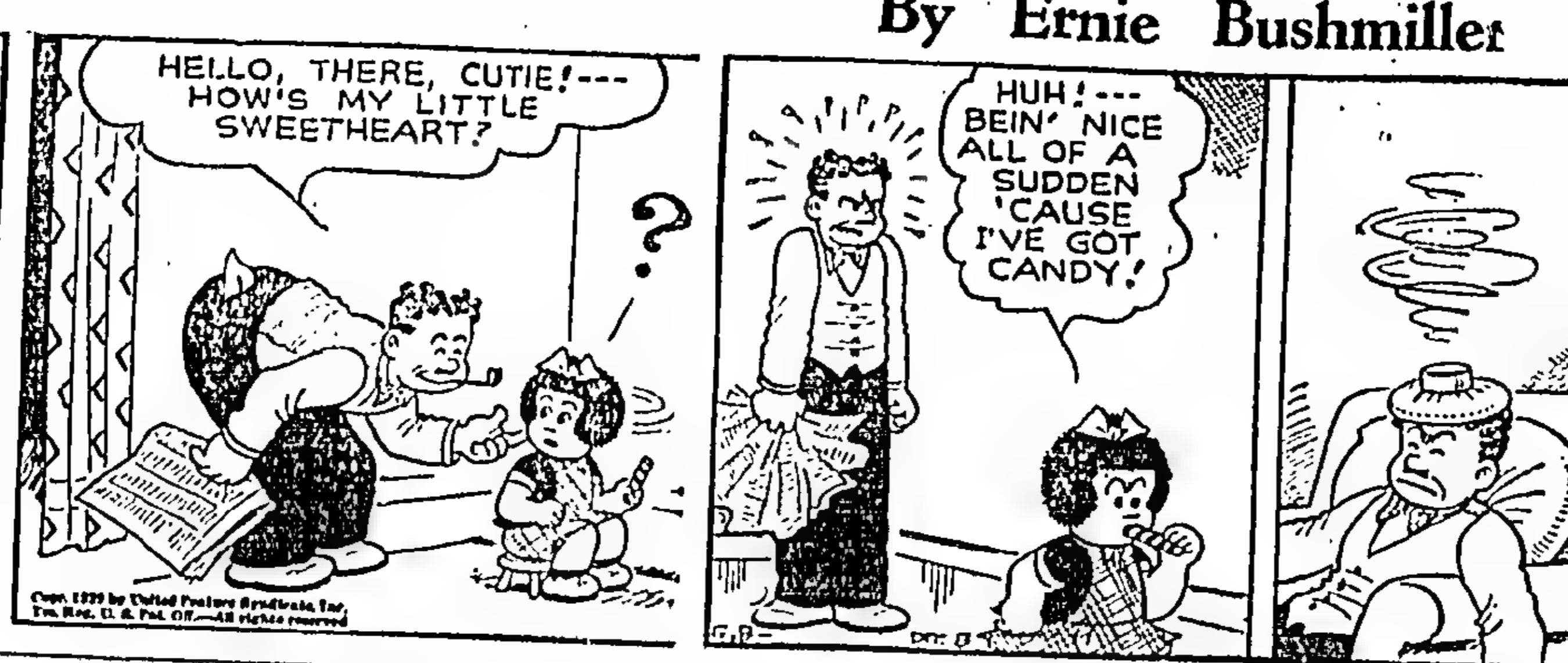
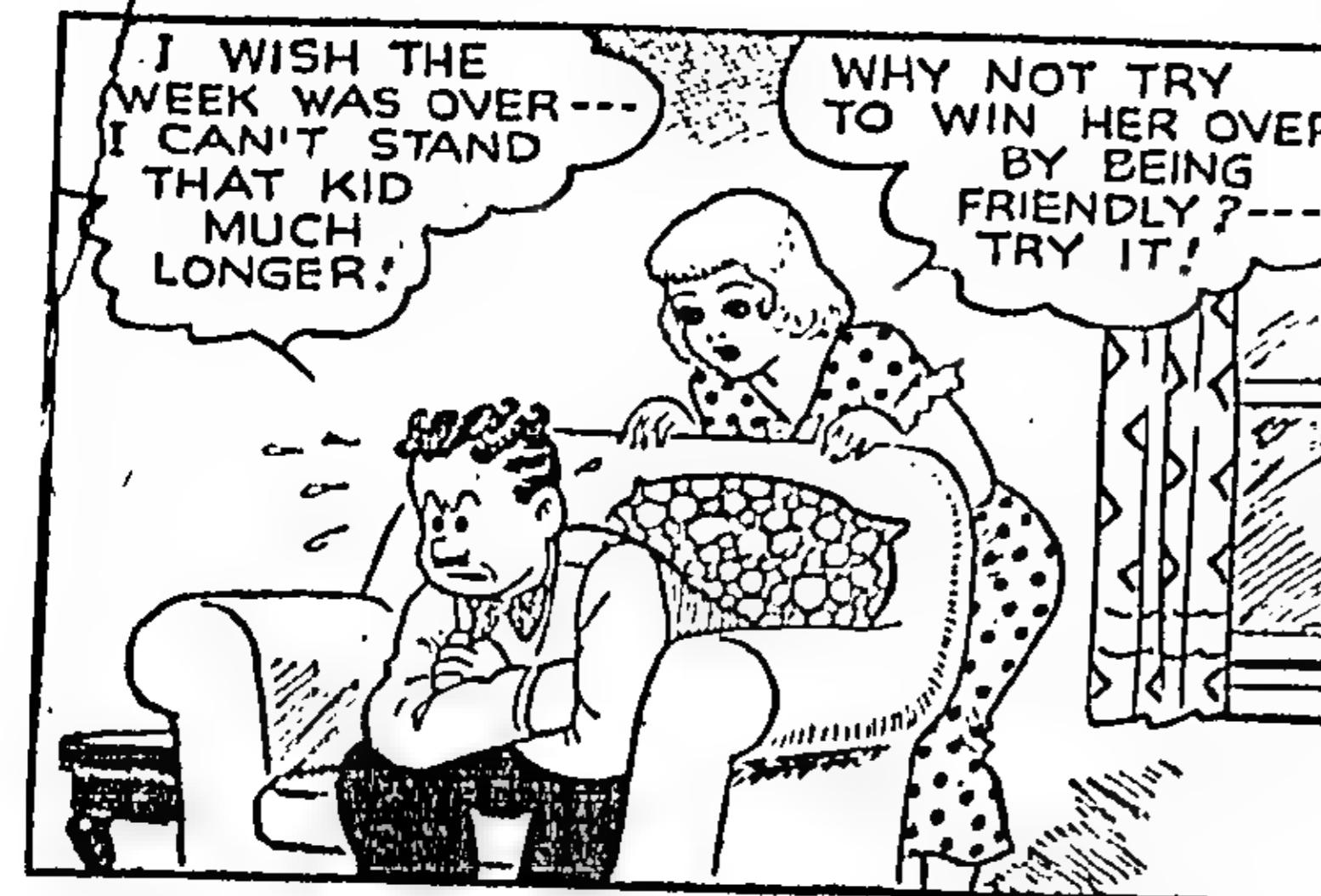
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But Chapman has a reputation for luck in this matter. When he was regularly captaining Kent rival skippers referred darkly to Percy's abominable luck. Up would go his coin, and down it would come in the required manner.

Well—Chapman's secret, if secret it can be called, is that his lucky coin came out of a Christmas pudding. It was Christmas in Australia, and when Chapman took his portion of the pudding he dug out a gold half-crown.

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SZECHUEN HANDICAP.—(First Section), Nine Furlongs.

Mr. F. J. Gellion's Fairy Auk (Mr. Raymond) 1

Mr. J. H. Potts' Shanghai 4 (Mr. P. Poy) 2

Mr. J. M. Draga's Fairy Queen (Mr. P. Wei) 3

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Cash Sweep: No. 229 \$10.30, No. 221

\$31.00, No. 126 \$25.70.

Unplaced: \$15.00 each Nos. 225 and 220.

CHINGHAI HANDICAP.—(First Section), Six Furlongs.

Mr. Yeung Bing Yuen's National Dignity (Mr. S. L. Yuen) 1

Mr. Ornesome's Styne (Mr. Raymond) 2

Miss D. Lord's Cricket (Mr. Raymond) 3

Distance won: 1 length, 4 lengths.

Time: 10.40. 1.24.150, 2.24.3/5.

Netting: W. P. 89

Part-Mutuel: Winner, \$6.00; Places, \$2.50.

Cash Sweep: No. 209 \$20.10, No. 210

\$37.50, No. 107 \$25.70.

Unplaced: \$10.00 each Nos. 214, 221, 222, and 223.

KANSU HANDICAP.—Half a Mile.

Mr. L. W. F. Gold Sovereign (Mr. S. C. Liang) 1

Mr. Wai Man-wei's God Sovereign (Mr. S. L. Yuen) 2

Mr. Oliver's Double Chance (Mr. Raymond) 3

Distance won: 3 lengths, 3 lengths.

Time: 10.40. 1.24.150, 2.24.3/5.

Netting: W. P. 89

Part-Mutuel: Winner, \$20.00; Places, \$5.00.

Cash Sweep: No. 50 \$20.40, No. 430

\$24.40, No. 297 \$20.10.

Unplaced: \$10.00 each Nos. 70, 102, 371, and 23.

SZECHUEN HANDICAP.—(Second Section), Nine Furlongs.

Mr. Sports' Rothenay Bay (Mr. P. Wei) 1

Mr. J. H. Potts' Gold Clause (Mr. W. G. Poy) 2

Miss B. Lord's Merry Day (Mr. S. L. Yuen) 3

Distance won: 3 lengths, 1 length.

Time: 10.40. 1.24.150, 2.24.3/5.

Netting: W. P. 89

Part-Mutuel: Winner, \$20.00; Places, \$5.00.

Cash Sweep: No. 203 \$20.40, No. 50

\$24.40, No. 293 \$20.20.

Unplaced: \$10.00 each Nos. 207 and 387.

LADIES' SCURRY.—(Unofficial), Three Furlongs.

Miss B. Lord's Cricketer (Miss MacKellar) 1

Miss B. Lord's Black Mandarin (Miss MacKellar) 2

Miss B. Lord's Lucky Day (Miss B. Lord) 3

Distance won: 3 lengths, Many lengths.

Time: 10.40. 1.24.150.

Netting: W. P. 89

Part-Mutuel: Winner, \$10.00; Places, \$5.00.

Cash Sweep: No. 203 \$20.40, No. 297

\$24.40, No. 430 \$20.20.

Unplaced: \$10.00 each Nos. 207 and 387.

Yesterday's Softball Matches

Yesterday's scores in the softball league games were:

Men

C.B.A. 7, C.C.C. 3.
Midlets 5, C.B.C. 1.
Filipino 9, Machine Gunners 8.

Women

Cards 25, Wildcats 16.
Panthers 14, Pirates 13.
Recreo 10, C.B.A. 3.

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Midlets 5 2 .667
Panthers 14 3 .500
Filipino 9 4 .429
Machine Gunners 8 5 .429
C.I.C. 6 6 .333
Trojans 7 7 .250
H.K.C.C. 8 8 .167
St. Joseph's 1 9 .167



NAVAL OFFICERS LOSE IN MACAO: BEATEN BY FOUR GOALS TO NIL

Macao, Jan. 8. Despite the Race Meeting held here this afternoon, a large crowd turned out to witness the hockey match in which a team of officers of the Royal Navy encountered Macao's first eleven. The home team won by a score of four clear goals.

The ground was very even after yesterday's rain and both teams were in fine form. British play featured the match from the outset, and Macao commenced the attack, opening the score ten minutes from half-time, Bolton, the Navy's custodian, was hard pressed and dashed out to prevent A. Angelo, outside right, from coming into close quarters, and was unable to recover his position to intercept a well-directed shot from an awkward angle by Albert Alrosa, inside-right.

Thereafter, the Navy forwards were in advantage and skilfully penetrated the home defence, but Webster's shot at goal was stopped by Almada, the home goalie.

Meno obtained another goal when P. Angelo, at centre, partnering with H. Rosario, inside-left, rushed speedily through the defence of the opposition. Evading Roberts and Mars, Angelo directed a swift ball into the net.

The Navy forward line was extremely formidable in face of Macao's stout defence. Almada was called upon to intercept on many occasions but he cleared with marked precision in each of them.

Soon after, Macao was awarded a short corner but failed to make good use of it, and the interval arrived with two goals in Macao's favour.

FURTHER AHEAD

As play resumed, P. Angelo accomplished a smart break-through in a fine solo effort and registered the third goal for Macao. Undaunted, the Navy fought back and conceded nothing. Mars, right-back, held the attack line and again, while Kennedy, pivot, proved spearhead for his side, doing more than his share of work in splendid intercepting and pinching.

Towards the close of play, Miller, the Navy's outside right, carried the ball up on his own; Skelton, centre-forward, received the pass, but was fouled when almost on the point of

scoring. Two minutes before the final whistle, Macao converted the short corner which earned the final goal.

Macao's superiority over the visitors lay chiefly in speed and in

FAR EAST OLYMPICS PLANNED

Tokyo, Jan. 8.

Materialising the decision taken at the conference of mayors of five big cities of Japan last year, the mayors of 64 cities in Japan, Manchukuo and China will assemble in Tokyo in April to inaugurate "the East Asia City

The first important plan to be discussed will be the holding of the Far Eastern Olympic Meet. According to the plan, 64 cities participating in the League will send delegates to compete for intercity championships in various athletic events.

The places where the proposed games will be held will be chosen from among Tokyo, Hsinking, and Dairen. The meet will take place either this autumn or in spring next year.—Domei.

FINAL POSTPONED

Owing to the wet condition of the ground, the final of the Ladies' lawn tennis doubles, which was to have taken place at the U.S.R.C. yesterday, has been postponed to next Sunday, at 3.30 p.m.

Aston Villa Manager And Player Fined by F.A.: Two Cautioned

London, Dec. 8. Mr. James Hogan, manager of Aston Villa F.C., was yesterday fined £5 and reprimanded by the Football Association in respect of incidents in the Leicester City-Aston Villa match on October 22.

According to the minutes of the Disciplinary Committee of the Football Association, which dealt with

the case, the fine on Mr. Hogan was for "unwarrantable conduct in the referee's room after the match."

As a sequel to the same match, R. W. Starling, the Aston Villa forward, was cautioned and fined £5, and H. Massie (right half) and G. Cummins (left back) were cautioned.

Mr. Hogan said that he considered the penalty on himself too severe. "It is my first offence in football," he said.

EXPRESSED OPINION

"Never before have I been faced by F.A. either as player, coach or manager."

"On those grounds I think I might have been dealt with less severely," he admitted that I went into the referee's dressing-room after the match and expressed my opinion.

"However, my fine is paid and I am £5 poorer. But the less said about it the better."

Questioned about the £5 imposed on Starling, Mr. Hogan said: "In my opinion Starling was not guilty of the offence with which he was charged."

"His fine was imposed because he had been reported for leaving the field and returning without the referee's permission, but I personally don't consider that he did that."

"I have been told that he was

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Algeria" (King's Theatre, to-day).—A superior film about a jewel thief who is lured from safety in the native quarter of Algeria in pursuit of a French girl who has visited the section. Excellent acting by Charles Boyer as the thief, Joseph Calleia as the native detective who catches him, and Leonid Kinskey as a native informer. The two feature women, Sigrid Gurie and Hedy Lamarr, are not quite up to expectations, but the picture stands up without their aid. Hedy Lamarr, of "Ecstasy" fame, does little beyond looking beautiful, which she undoubtedly does.

"Men With Wings" (Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, to-day).—The photography is generally superb and its beauty is enhanced with technical colour. As far as story, acting and theme are concerned, however, it never gets off the ground. Follows the history of aviation in a broad, cursory sort of way while telling of the romances, triumphs and heart-breaks of a trio of aviation pioneers—a girl and two boys. The girl marries the romantic, irresponsible lad, leading the faithful, staid rival to eat out his heart and build the best bomber the Army ever had. Fred MacMurray, Ray Milland, Louise Campbell, Andy Devine and Lynne Overman are the leading players.

"Sing You Sinners" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—A thoroughly entertaining movie. The Beebe—Ma, Joe, David and small Ma—like an human, likable lot, who have their ups and downs, their loves and their battles. Joe, the prime cause of upset in the Beebe hive, is a young man whose formula for success rests chiefly on swapping and gambling. The formula doesn't work until he leaves home and goes to Los Angeles, where he gets himself a race horse and sends for mother and younger brother. After the customary streak of wild success, Ma makes the boys settle down to their night club singing and send for David's fiancee, Bing Crosby, who has never been better and the rest of the cast is fine. Laurels also for dialogue, story and direction. Fred MacMurray, Donald O'Connor, Elizabeth Patterson and Eliza Drew are the principals.

"Blockade" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—A love-spy story set against a background of the Civil War in Spain. Henry Fonda as a young Spanish farmer drawn into the counter-espionage system of his government. He is instrumental in capturing a woman enemy spy (Madeleine Carroll), who after seeing the havoc wrought by the war among the women and children leads him to spy headquarters.

"The Love Story" (Starkey as Roaring Arctic Seal).

"SPAWN OF NORTHERN

VICTORY FOR NAVY Defeats Yacht Club In Annual Fixture

The Navy beat the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club 117 points to 92 in the annual sailing match yesterday. Results:

MORNING RACE Royal Navy

Holmesman, Observer

Lt. Edmonds, Lt. Dean Smith

Lt. Com. Cunningham, J. G. Hull

Cdr. Macdonald, N. A. C. Macdonald

Cdr. Johnston, C. G. Blane

Lt. Blake, P. C. M. Sedwick

Lt. Cdr. Sprague, D. W. Wagstaff

Lt. Wilmott, L. D. Kilby

Total 0.00

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Manners By Post

WHEN you write a letter, do you ever follow it in your mind's eye to its destination? Do you visualize the expression on the face of the recipient when reading the contents?

You certainly ought to do so, for a letter can shine as vividly as a bright light before you, or it can weigh like a stone in your pocket. It can colour the whole day for the one who receives it, or cast a grey mantle of gloom.

Which colour do your letters take with them?

If you are a bad correspondent, check the habit of putting off answering letters. Make it a golden rule to reply to all letters within three days of receiving them. If you delay, your letter will have to consist mostly of an apology, and that won't bring back a very cheerful answer.

Friendships thrive on pen and paper, but fade away for want of response. Strangely enough, the more you write the more news you will find to give.

What to say is often a problem. But it ought not to be. Pick out all the happy bits of news to relate. Never grumble or complain. If you have to mention illness or distress try to make light of it. By the time your letter is delivered the trouble will probably be improved, and your friends will worry needlessly.

Write to your friends as you would talk to them. The essence of a letter is that it should be personal. Nobody will thank you for a discourse on the European situation. It is a little thing like the ruffle that did not rile your new jumper, or your visit to the theatre that make interesting reading for your friends.

When answering a letter, read it through carefully so that you can begin by referring to things mentioned in it before starting off on your own affairs. Always acknowledge money and invitations at once, even though you have only time to scribble a post card.

What to Avoid

Never write unkind letters. The urge to write and "tell that person off" is often strong. Maybe he—or she—has said something nasty about you or appeared to slight you in some way or other. Spoken angry words can be forgotten if they are not said too often, but written words become photographed on the mind and live long to haunt us.

If you have a sick friend or one in trouble, make time to sit down and send a word of sympathy and cheer. It is the thought that matters, not what you write.

Remember that a birthday letter is doubly appreciated if you post it in time to arrive on the right date.

Keep an address book to avoid having to omit writing a letter owing to lack of an address.

Regarding replies to invitations, remember to use the same form of speech when replying. Third person calls for third person, a friendly, informal note for such another in reply. It is always a safe and polite rule to repeat the essentials, such as

Hat and Muff Set of Fur

New York.

Buying clothes is always a thrilling adventure, but is even more so this season. If you are a good budget-stretcher you will enjoy the idea of owning a half dozen hats. That's the general idea—hat for every costume and for every occasion and, what's more, a muff to match some of them.

The new muffs are either of fur or of corded or shirred velvet. Evening muffs made use of other fabrics while those bridesmaids carry no often of flowers.

MUFFS ARE PRETTY

Muffs are also happy combinations of fur and the same cloth as in the coat. Most of them are good looking if a bit spectacular in size and shape, it being the large muff as well as the large bag that is the present vogue.

The winter coat problem is probably behind you, but if it isn't and you are looking for just what you want, it's encouraging to report that while some coats are literally buried under fur, there are also very trim and stylish ones without. There has been a good deal of talk in fashion columns about coloured coats but they are not any too easy to find.

Among the many fashion shows New Yorkers attended have been some confined to furs alone, and no one might expect, the luxury angle was played up. At one fox dominated, at another ermine, but as one gets around one sees that smart women are wearing sable, mink and baum marten scarfs made of three to five skins and adjusted at will. Fur hats or hats partway of fur are very much in vogue, but since hats seem to get smaller and smaller, one needn't worry very much about the amount of fur it takes to make one.

Paris.

Maggie Rouff's midseason collections contain many suits. Blouses in satin or lingerie type accompany all suits. . . . Newest silhouette suggests bustle outline through panel of gathered fulness at back of skirt. . . . Gay colour names feature

PLAYTIME FASHIONS for young boys and girls

By MARY
GRACE



BIG sister chooses a shirt with easy fitting plaid shorts. Her two younger sisters look charming in their printed cotton tub frocks. Baby is proud of the applied duck on her gay check rompers, while sunny, kneeling, looks very 'manly' in his dark linen knickers and short-sleeved shirt.

the time and date of an invitation is the answer, whether the reply is formal or the reverse.

I. H.

HOW often has an excursion been spoilt by some member of the expedition exclaiming, "I can't go any further; my feet ache so!"

Although it is true that in some cases the cause may not be the fault of the individual, the vast majority of foot troubles are due to the person concerned.

Carelessness, ignorance or pride are the chief culprits. People cannot be bothered to get suitable shoes for walking. Some do not realise that feet unused to long walks will not function like those of an athlete.

Others have purchased shoes because they look nice or because they make the feet look small.

If you want shoes that will carry you over miles of country, over hill

Are your feet

SPOIL-SPORTS?

By a Physician

and date, then buy a pair with thick soles and soft uppers, a pair that really fit. Break them in a week or two before the holiday.

Those who suffer most from foot troubles are the people with thin bony feet, flat feet or feet that perspire too freely.

Size, Please

The first class should be careful in their choice of footwear. They require bigger shoes relatively than those with fat feet because the latter are already padded and the

friction of a tight shoe does not affect them to the same extent. A thinly covered foot quickly chafes if shoes are too tight.

Flat feet are those where the normal arch which gives a spring to the gait has fallen and the patient instead of being held up by the elastic bands underneath the foot, walks on the more solid bony joints of the foot.

There is no cure for flat foot in an advanced stage because the bones have changed in shape and nothing will ever alter that, but a considerable amount of relief can be obtained by wearing a soft spongy inner sole to the shoe.

In the early stages flat feet will usually yield to exercise, helped by the building-up of the shoe on its inner edge so as to throw the weight of the body on to the outer

Useful To Know

A GOOD way of freshening up a velvet frock or coat is to suspend it over the bath on an improvised line and run the hot water into the bath. Let the dress hang for a while in the steam. This is better than going over the dress with steam from a kettle.

A glove hint from America is to put all new kid or leather gloves between the folds of a damp towel for an hour or so before they are worn for the first time. Then they will not be likely to split when put on.

Tinted Timepieces

COLOUR schemes are being used in mother-of-pearl dials and gold hands. Watch dials are tinted in softest of cases which is minute replica of onyx shades and brightly coloured cigarette cases in four shades of hands and figures provide a clever gold.

The face of a watch may be copper, silver, dove grey or amber yellow, of a ship's wheel. Brightly polished hands may be midnight blue, stainless steel or sometimes combined cardinal red or emerald green. The with dull gold to make an attractive wrist band may match either the wrist or pocket watch. A different dial or the figures. Black dials are effect is obtained with unpolished also very fashionable with white, stainless steel and dull gold.

There are some very small novel mother-of-pearl watches set in gold propelling pens. . . . Fifty or sixty years ago, a being cased in the owner's key, or in the again for watch dials. A man's centre of a brooch shaped like a dress watch in black onyx has a golden rose.

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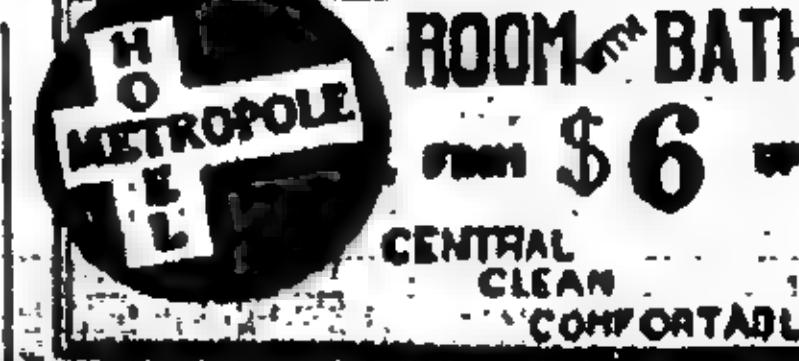
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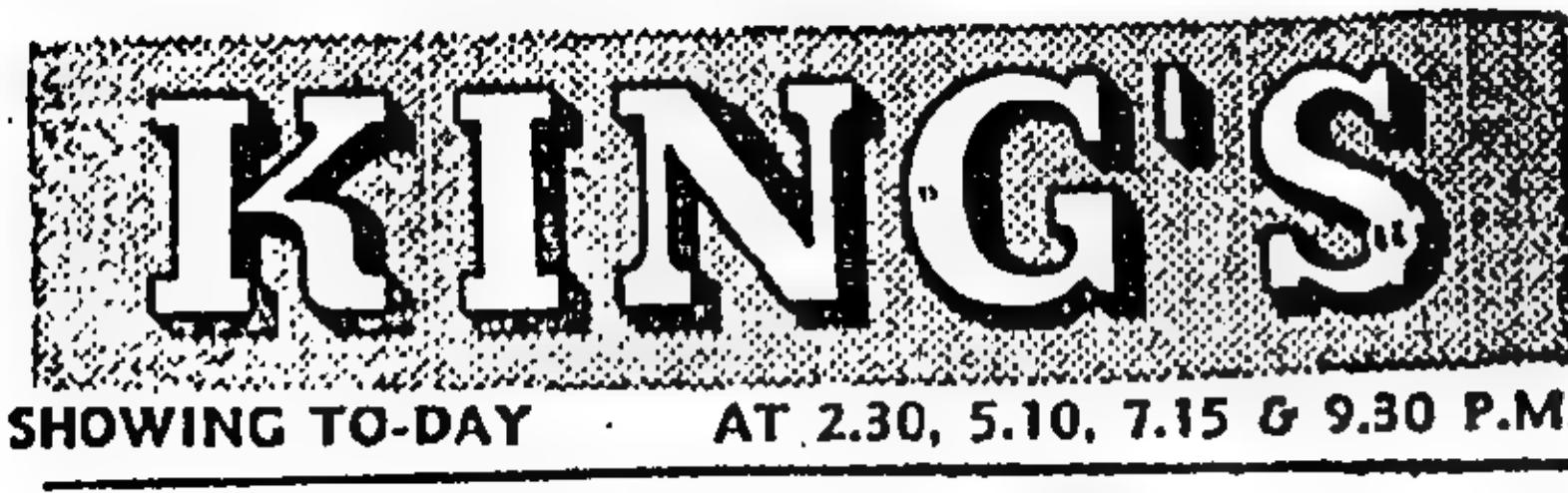
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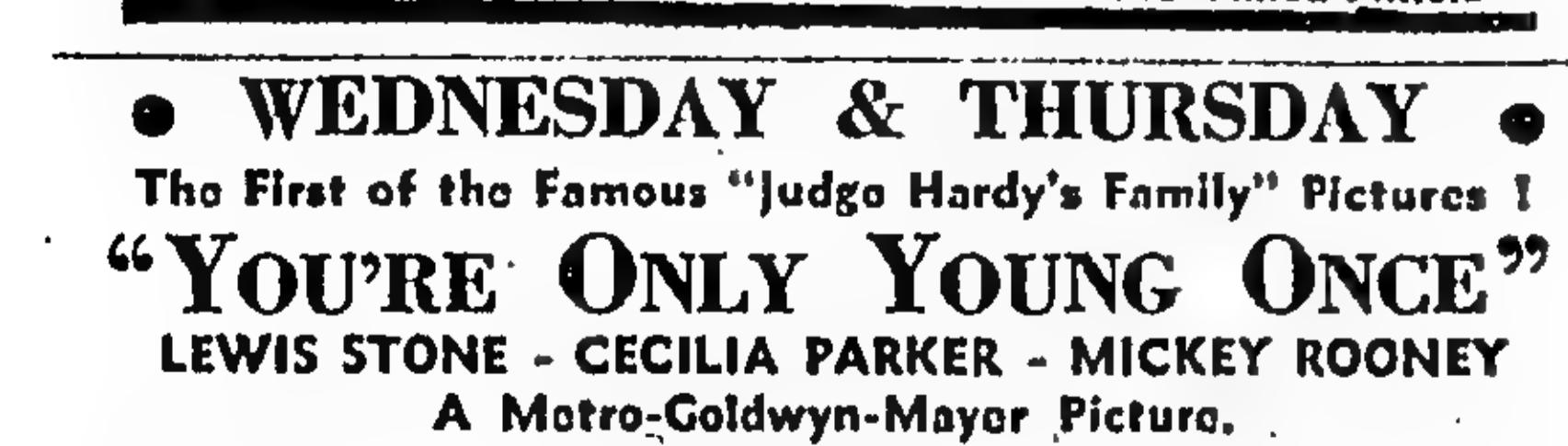
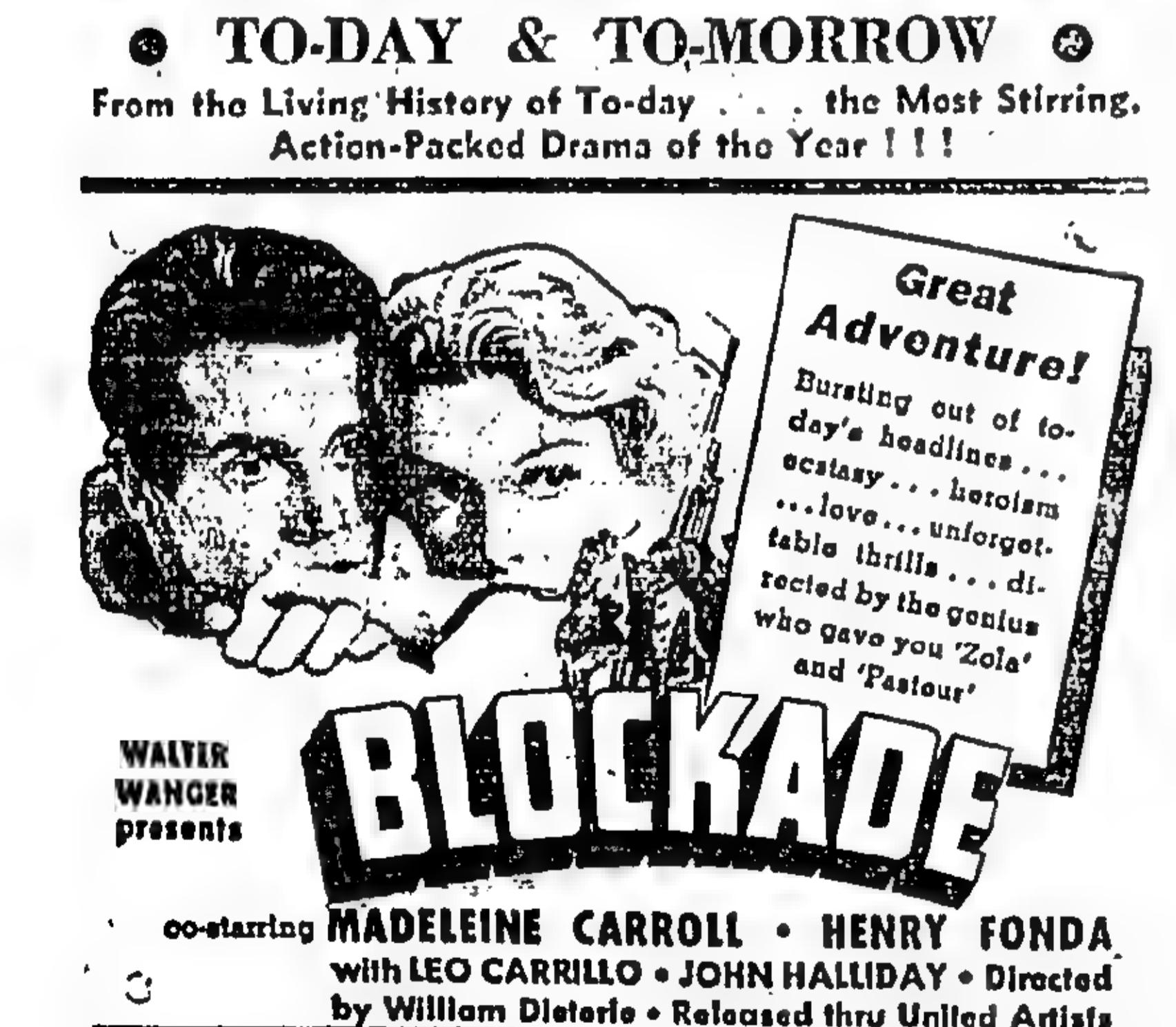
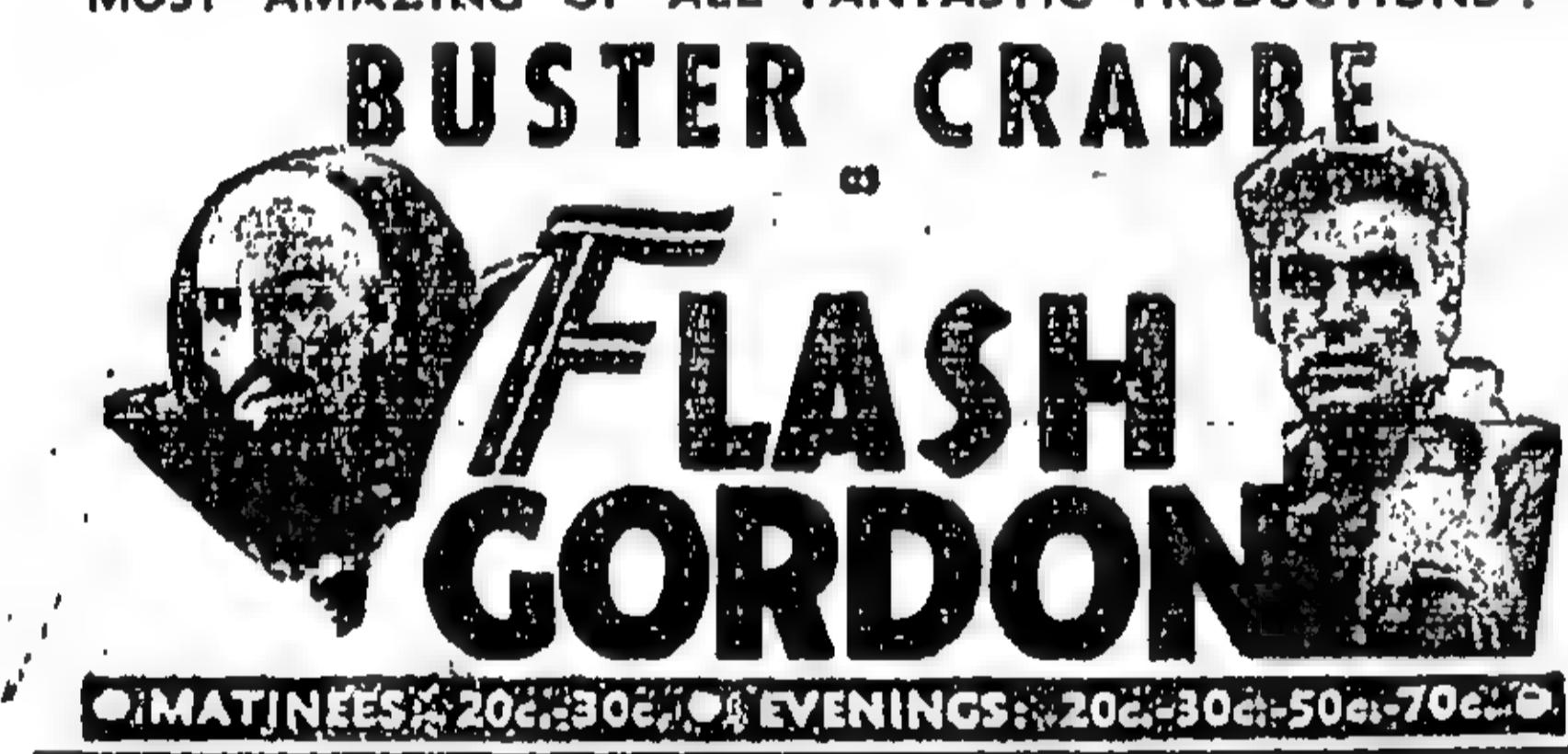




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Warplanes Sold By Fraud

ISTANBUL, Jan. 8. The alleged purchase of 50 American and Canadian warplanes on the Turkish Government's account through forged signatures, and their sale to the Loyalist Government in Spain, appears in the newspapers to-day.

An official of the Turkish Foreign Ministry is stated to be under arrest at Ankara, and that another Turk has been detained in France.—Reuter.

R.A.F. Mission For Australia

London, Jan. 8. It is announced that, on the invitation of the Australian Government, a mission from the United Kingdom will visit Australia in the near future for the purpose of examining in consultation with representatives of the Australian Government, the possibility of the creation of the further capacity for the production of aircraft in the Commonwealth, and to prepare a scheme for the consideration of both governments.

The mission will consist of Sir Hardman Lever, who was a member of the recent mission to Canada, Colonel Sir Donald Banks, and Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore. The mission will be assisted by experts, and will proceed to Australia shortly.

It is learned that the object of the mission is to establish a scheme similar to the Canadian plan. However, it is pointed out that the construction of aircraft in Canada is purely for the supply of aircraft to Great Britain, whereas the Australian scheme will be purely for supplying planes for the Australian air force.—Reuter.

New German Warship Goes Into Service

Wilhelmshaven, Jan. 8. The 20,000-ton battleship, Scharnhorst, was officially put into service to-day.

The Scharnhorst, launched on October 3, 1938, is the first German battleship to be built since the war. It carries nine 11-inch guns and four planes.

Numerous representatives of the State, Nazi Party, and defence forces took part in to-day's ceremony.—Reuter.

Daladier Returns To Paris

Paris, Jan. 8. The French Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, arrived here to-day from his African tour.

He visited M. Albert Lebrun, the French President, to report to him on his visit, and, according to an official communiqué, the President expressed to M. Daladier, the gratitude of the French republic for his services in its interests.—Trans-Ocean.

Duke As Actor In Amateur Film

London. The Duke of Connaught is to take part in a film with boys of the Royal Albert Orphanage, Camberley. The film, which will show the work of the orphanage, is being made by members of the Windlesham Camera Club, of which the Duke is patron. The Duke has been President of the orphanage for more than 30 years.

None of the occupants of the car was seriously injured.

Another Mishap

A car collided with a tree in

Robinson Road on Saturday when the driver swerved to avoid knocking down a boy. No one was injured.

**GORDON'S
SHOE SALE
COMMENCES
TO-DAY
MONDAY, JAN. 9th**

REFUGEE PROBLEM

American Ambassador And Mussolini

Washington, Jan. 7. In answer to a question on the subject the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, made a statement concerning the conversation that the American Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips, had with Mussolini in Rome last week.

Mr. Sumner Welles confirmed the report that the conversation concerned the problem of emigration of Jews from Germany, but refused to say further particulars.

Mr. Welles emphasised, however, that Mussolini had shown a "conciliatory attitude."

In well-informed circles it is declared that the American Ambassador submitted to Mussolini further details of the plan for settlement of Jewish refugees in Yugoslavia and Rumania on the other hand at the expense of Germany.—Reuter.

Co-ordinating Committee

London, Jan. 7. The Co-ordinating Committee for Refugees, set up five years ago, which now has Lord Hailey as its Chairman, is making arrangements for grouping of various refugee organisations to whose varied efforts it seeks to give a unified direction in one office building in Central London.

Among Lord Hailey's assistants is Sir Henry Bunbury, former Controller and Accountant General to the Post Office.—British Wireless.

Australian Plan

Canberra, Jan. 7. Australia is making preparations to protect herself against an influx of undesirable emigrants from Europe, according to a statement made to-day by Mr. John McEwen, Home Minister of Australia.

A net of migration offices is to be opened in co-operation with welfare associations for refugees. All emigrants wishing to receive permission to settle in Australia are to undergo in these offices an examination by trained Australian immigration officers as to their suitability as Australian settlers.

Australia thus hopes to keep out those who would fail to become useful citizens.—Trans-Ocean.

COMBINED SERVICE

Local Anglican And Methodist Churches

A picturesque procession headed

by the St. John's Cathedral and St. Andrew's and Christ Church choirs, with their congregations, left Statue Square at 6 p.m. yesterday for the Cathedral, where a combined service

was held by the Anglican and Methodist Churches of Hongkong and Kowloon.

Yesterday's "Combined Service of Witness" was presided over by the Bishop, the Right Rev. R. O. Hall, and is the culmination of a week of prayer which commenced on Monday, January 2, when the Cathedral was open for Private Prayer and Meditation for half an hour before and after each service.

Among the clergy taking part in the procession were the Reverends J. R. Higgs, A. Rose, H. D. Rosenthal, J. C. L. Wong, F. Short, MacKenzie Dow, J. E. Sandbach, and Eric Moreton.

CAR RUNS OFF ROAD

Occupants Have a Narrow Escape from Death

Lee Shu-fong, assistant manager of the Wing On Bank, his wife and two children, were involved in a traffic accident yesterday and narrowly escaped death or serious injury.

Lee was driving to Kowloon from Pingshan when the steering gears of the car went out of control near the 17th milestone, resulting in the car going over an embankment, 20 ft. high.

None of the occupants of the car was seriously injured.

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San Francisco.

California's system of requiring

employers to put money into a State

fund to insure their workers against

injury or death in the course of their

duty is rapidly developing into "big

business." There is already \$17,000,000 in the fund and the State Com-

pensation Fund this year declared a

dividend of \$3,500,000.

Insurance Fund

Rolls Up

London. The Duke of Connaught is to take

part in a film with boys of the Royal

Albert Orphanage, Camberley.

The film, which will show the work of the

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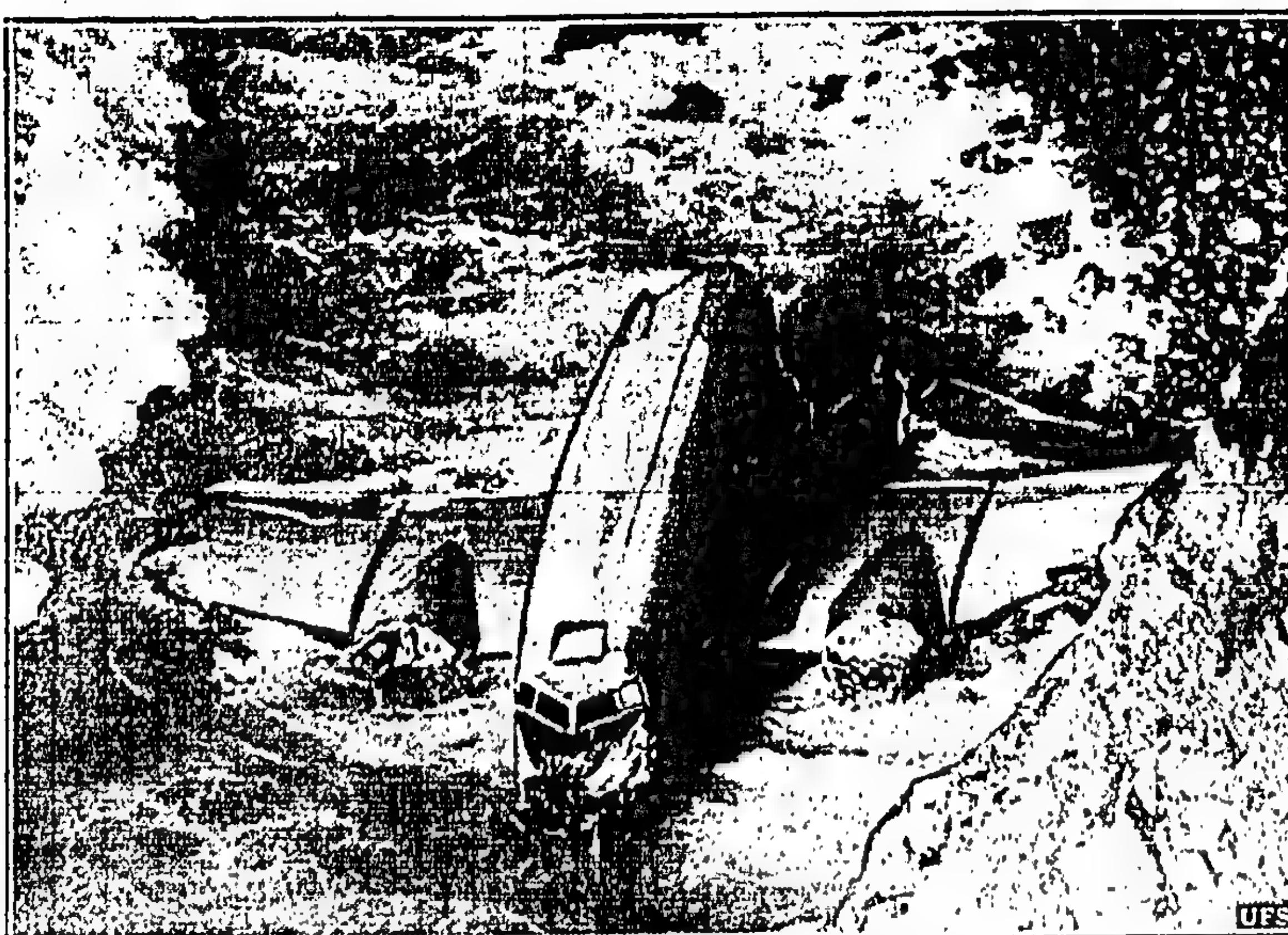
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Airliner Crashes



Here is the wreck of the luxurious United Air Lines transport plane being battered to pieces by the surf at the foot of a cliff near San Francisco. Pilot Charles Stead and Isadore R. Edelstein, a passenger, were rescued but five others perished in the surf. A maze of radio signals, which confused the pilot, was blamed.

THE GREAT CHINA TRADE ISSUE



If the British Government is to be moved at all over China it will be over the trade issue. This alone can shake it out of its rather easy going attitude.

The Home papers are devoting more and more attention to the issue. The "Daily Herald" recently published the following:

Economic reprisals against Japan for her freezing out of foreign trade interests from China are being seriously considered in London and Washington.

Reports from the Ambassadors of the two countries in China have indicated for some time that Japan is deliberately destroying all foreign trade competition.

SHIPS BARRED

Foreign shipping, for example, has been barred from using the Yangtze. The Japanese say this is due to the danger of mines and nearby military operations, but Japanese ships have been plying a thriving trade.

It was announced that a Japanese sponsored "monopoly" company has been established in Shanghai to control the Yangtze shipping, and will start work in the New Year.

This is only one of countless ways in which foreign interests, British and American, in particular, are being ousted from the China market.

EXPERTS AT WORK

For some time exports of the United States Department of Commerce and the Board of Trade here have been studying what retaliatory steps could be taken.

Their investigations are now so far advanced that Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the United States Ambassador here, has gone to Washington and the United States Ambassador in China has been recalled for consultation.

Significantly, too, Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador in Washington, has arrived in London "on holiday."

One step envisaged in American circles is to deprive Japan of her benefits under the most-favoured-nation clause. Were such a step to be taken, the British Government would almost certainly follow suit.

President Roosevelt also has the power, if discrimination against the importation or sale of American goods is proved, to exclude "any or all articles" from the offending country.

It is doubtful whether such drastic steps are yet contemplated, but the question of increasing duties on Japanese imports is one that has been closely studied.

In this the experts have had the example of the Japanese themselves. At the beginning of this year the puppet Government in Peking introduced a new tariff for imports into North China under which Japanese goods benefited by from 25 to 75 per cent.

Any action of this nature would be a serious blow to Japan, for the British Empire and the United States are her principal customers, absorbing roughly 50 per cent. of her exports.

But retaliation of this sort is calculated to lead to counter-reprisals, and it is for this reason that the most pain-taking study of the question is being made before any decision is reached.

B. M. Meantime the "Daily Telegraph" published the appended statement from its own Correspondent:

Shanghai, Monday, December 29.—Great concern is felt here in British shipping circles at the report that a Japanese concern, the Yangtze Shipping Company, has been formed with the object of controlling traffic on the Yangtze under the monopolistic system, introduced by the Japanese into many branches of trade in China.

It is reported that the company was floated on Saturday at a meeting at which 50 Japanese directors were elected and a Chinese comprador

BITTER FIGHTING ON TWO WAR FRONTS

SARAGOSSA Jan. 8.

THE INSURGENT OFFENSIVE in Catalonia was carried forward on Saturday, according to the testimony of war correspondents with the Insurgent troops.

In the northern sector, the Insurgents attacked a few miles south of Artesa de Segre, which is situated to the south-east of Galageur, and captured several strategically important positions in the valley of the river Sió.

At the same time, the southern army corps, marching along the road from Lerida to Borjas Blancas and Tarragona, pushed forward to within ten miles of Mont Blanch, thus crossing, for the first time, the border of the Tarragona province.

While this army was passing Sierra de Montcada from the north, the Insurgent Ebro army, on Saturday again entered into action for the first time since the opening of the Catalonia offensive.

Meanwhile, according to a Saragossa message the Insurgents have occupied Vilanova de Predes, about 19 miles from the Mediterranean, and 24 miles from Tarragona.—Reuter.

DEFENCES COLLAPSE

A San Sebastian message says that as was to be expected from the development of the Insurgent offensive, the simultaneous advance in the north and south has led to a collapse of the Loyalist defences in the centre between Lerida and Balaguer.

From the bridge-head at Balaguer, the Insurgents on Saturday advanced in the district of the Segre Canal, captured the villages of Bellcaire, Bellmunt, Betsent and Ventoses, and by dint of frontal and flanking pressure, compelled the Loyalists to retreat.

Meanwhile an attack on the road junction at Agramunt is proceeding simultaneously from the west and north-west, and the Insurgents are now only a few miles from that town.

A strong concentration of Loyalist troops in the centre manifestly only served the purpose of enabling the defence lines to withdraw on the base at Tarragona-Cervera. At the same time, however, the Loyalists caused considerable damage in all of the evacuated villages, whose inhabitants they took with them in the retreat.

LOYALIST COUNTER-CLAIMS

According to a Barcelona message, the Defence Ministry issued the following war bulletin on Saturday night: Estremadura Front. Loyalist troops continued their victorious advance on Saturday. After crossing the river, they occupied the village of Peralada de Zaurcego, and continued their march in the direction of Monterubio de la Serena.

On the right bank of the river, the Loyalists captured the village of Cuenca, the heights of Grana Loma de Nadagruella, as well as the Height 086, Sierra Melano, and several of the neighbouring heights, together with the village of Fuente Veguina.

The advance continues.

The Loyalists repulsed several enemy counter-attacks.

Territory conquered by the Loyalists within the last three days has extended over 800 kilometres. Much war material, as well as numerous prisoners fell into their hands.

On the Eastern front, in the section of Cubella, the Loyalists offered heroic resistance to Insurgent attacks. The heights of Macbell were three times occupied by the Insurgents, but they were finally repulsed.

In the sectors of Vinaixa and Vilosol, severe fighting is in progress. Loyalist troops are offering stubborn resistance, and the Insurgents have suffered heavy losses.

PREMIER'S MESSAGE

A Paris communication says that the Spanish Loyalist Premier, Dr. Negrin, issued a proclamation on Saturday to the Loyalist Army, in which he said: "I expect from all, effective co-operation for the defence of our soil, as has hitherto been the case, and I am certain that the enthusiasm and spirit of sacrifice of our troops will render a rapid victory possible. At the present moment of severe trial, the heroism with which our army is holding up the enemy on the Eastern front and on the Ebro is an example and encouragement for all those behind the front. Our eyes are fixed on the future of our country, and on the independence of our soil, and we shall gain the victory which we deserve."—Trans-Ocean.

3RD WEEK OF OFFENSIVE

Saragossa, Jan. 8.—General Franco's major offensive against Catalonia, now in its third week, has driven back the Loyalist resistance in the plains of Urgel, it is claimed.

The difficulties ahead in the campaign, especially in the northern sector, have not been miscounted, but it is noteworthy that General Yague's Moroccan army corps is using pontoon bridges, flung across the Ebro at Morn, and has established contact with the Navarrese legions.

Headquarters claim the conquest of at least 1,200 square miles and the capture of 30,000 prisoners since the start of the offensive.

LOYALIST CLAIMS

On the other hand, according to a Barcelona communication, the Loyalists in the three days of their surprise offensive on the Estremadura front have driven a broad salient to the west, 25 miles from their original positions.

North of Fuente Venjuna they have cleared a wide loop to the river Zugarramurdi, and have captured the road junction at Peralada and Duzuelo, in the Badaigas province, only about



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ARMED ROBBERS STEAL DIAMONDS

Outrage Near Shamshuipo Early This Morning

BUILDER IS MADE VICTIM

A gang of men, two armed with revolvers, entered the house of a building contractor, Chu Yeung-man, 50, at Shek Kip Mei village, Shamshuipo, by a ruse during the early hours this morning, and got away with a haul of money and jewellery to the value of \$973.40. Among the jewellery stolen was a gold finger ring set with a large diamond among a cluster of 20 smaller diamonds valued at \$500.

The robbery occurred about 2 a.m. when Chu's maid, Au Yeung-yuet, was called to open the door by someone claiming to be her sister. When she opened it, seven men entered. Two carried revolvers, while another two held iron bars. They ransacked the house, and decamped after a stay of half an hour.

Investigations revealed that the robbers had placed a ladder at the rear of the house, by which they climbed up to the roof, and then down to the back-yard, entering the house through the rear door.

Al Capone In Fresh Prison

Al Capone, former notorious leader of America's gangster world, and who has been serving a prison sentence for non-payment of federal taxes, to-day occupied a shiny new cell in the Federal Correctional Prison following his transfer from Alcatraz.

He is scheduled to undergo a mental examination forthwith to enable prison officials to determine the type of medical care needed.

Correctional prison houses are for short-time prisoners only, and there are no notorious prisoners, with the exception of Al Capone in them. He was brought to the prison to-day secretly and heavily guarded.



Suit for custody of his children has been filed in Miami, Fla., by Guy Maynard Liddell, chief of England's Civil Intelligence Department. Children are shown with their mother, Mrs. Calypso Liddell, daughter of the late Lord Revelstoke, of England, at Coral Gables home of their half-uncle, L. Saffern Tuller. They are June, Peter, Gay and Maude.

Big Army Personnel Leaving By Dilwara

The following personnel are leaving Hongkong by the Transport Dilwara on January 23:

TO UNITED KINGDOM

8th Heavy Regt., R. A.—Capt. (DO) and Mrs. A. E. Huzel, Capt. (QM) W.D.P.A., O'Grady, BSM, and Mrs. Thompson, BSM, and Mrs. Hicks, seven details.

5th A.A. Regt., R.A.—TSM, AN, BSM, Bloomsbury, H.K.R.A.—Sergt. and Mrs. Turner.

Fortress R.E.—Major H. A. Baker, RSM, and Mrs. W. Fleming, QMMS, and Mrs. Cochrane, QMMS, and Mrs. Eaton, MSM, and Mrs. Cook, S/Sergt. and Mrs. Boot, Mr. D. W. Fleming, one NCO, and 28 details.

R.E. (E. for E.S.)—Lieut. R. A. Barron, QMS, and Mrs. Taylor, S/Sergt. Rowlands, Daniels, Shearman, Webb and families.

H.K. Signal Coy.—C.SM. V. Leahy, two NCOs and 20 details.

2nd Bn., Royal Scots.—Major H. D. K. Money, WO, III T. Harris, one NCO, and 38 details.

Bn., Niddlesden Regt.—Wife of Hedges, WO, and Mrs. R. Bayles, Miss Buley, one NCO, and 70 details.

1st Bn., Lancashire Fusiliers.—One NCO, and 30 details.

2nd Bn., South Wales Borderers.—

wife of Pte. Lloyd.

2nd Bn., Royal Welch Fusiliers.—wife of Fusilier Davies.

1st Bn., Seaforth Highlanders.—wife of Lieut. (QM) R. Paterson, Capt. E. H. B. Neill, two NCOs, and seven details.

R.A.S.C.—SSM, and Mrs. C. Easton, SSM, and Mrs. Street, five NCOs, and 10 details.

R.A.I.C.—Lieut.-Col. C. Crawford-Jones, Major and Mrs. A. McMillan, Capt. T. D. H. Martin, Lieut. (QM) and Mrs. F. T. Catton, QMIS, and Mrs. Bridges, QMIS, and Mrs. Burnford, S/Sergt, and Mrs. Barr, S/Sergt, and Mrs. Howes, five NCOs, and 20 details.

R.A.O.C.—SQMS, and Mrs. Shattock, S/Sergt, and Mrs. Finch, Sergt. and Mrs. Erlund, two details.

Corps of Military Police.—One NCO, and five details.

Q.A.M.N.S.—Sister Miss E. V. Wallace.

Q.A.S.—Mr. M. Luke, Miss A. D. Coughlin.

SHANGHAI TO UNITED KINGDOM

2nd Bn., East Surrey Regt.—R.Q.M.S. Knott.

2nd Bn., Royal Artillery.

HONGKONG TO COLOMBO

Royal Artillery.—Capt. P. J. Howorth.

GERMANY'S NEW ARTIFICIAL TEXTILE PRODUCTS

BERLIN, Jan. 8. GERMANY produced 160,000 tons of cellulose in 1938 and the capacity of the industry at the present time will insure 200,000 tons in 1939 according to the annual report issued to-day by the German Dye Trust, which, with an output of 55,000 tons is the largest cellulose producer in the world.

The rapid growth of this industry in Germany is indicated by the capacity of 9,000 tons produced in 1934, 18,000 tons in 1935, 48,000 tons in 1936 and 102,000 tons in 1937.

Industries for cellulose and artificial fibres are being constantly increased although not in the same proportion as formerly, the newest plant being one erected in Austria shortly after the Anschluss.

MORE RAYON PRODUCED

The rayon production has jumped from 39,000 tons in 1934 to 63,000 tons in 1938.

More significant than the mere increase in production is the improvement in quality of the artificial fibres for the different purposes.

Fourteen factories in Germany produce, according to the report, 200 different types of cellulose fibres, being of different length depending on the purpose for which the material is to be used.

One of the principal projects of the German Dye Trust during the past year was to develop a special artificial fibre that would have the durability of cotton when damp or wet. The aim was not only achieved, but the fibre produced has a durability that even exceeds cotton.

SECOND ACHIEVEMENT

The second outstanding achievement of the German Dye Trust revealed in the report, is the production of two new fibres known as "Vistra X" and "Vistralan" which, it is declared, will prove strong competitors to wool.

Vistra X is said to have added the quality of being impregnated against water, while in Vistralan a new material has been developed that will take colours in the same manner as wool. The advantage of this development will be that the mixtures of Vistralan and wool will not run when dyed, and it will not be necessary to resort to double by the process. The German Dye Trust has adopted the method of spinning artificial fibres.

In conclusion, it is stated in the report, that a new era in the history of textile industry has begun.—Trans-Ocean.

1st Bn., Seaforth Highlanders.

Capt. G. J. L. Baird, Capt. C. D. A. Ross, 78 details.

R.A.M.C.—SM, and Mrs. W. E. Smith, seven details.

Q.A.M.N.S.—Sister Miss Mc-Heaton.

TIENTSIN TO UNITED KINGDOM

2nd Bn., Worcestershire Regt.—Wife of Pte. Day.

R.A.S.C.—Col. and Mrs. Dawney.

R.A.M.C.—Capt. and Mrs. G. A. Weir, Cpl. Greenwood.

R.A.P.C.—SSM, and Mrs. Cook.

Sergt. and Mrs. Stewart.

R.A. Ch D.—Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Van.

HONGKONG TO SINGAPORE

Staff.—Rev. M. A. Farren, A.C.G., Far East.

Royal Air Force.—Dr. D. C. Fox.

HONGKONG TO COLOMBO

Royal Artillery.—Capt. P. J. Howorth.

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HONGKONG TO INDIA

Royal Engineers.—Lieut.-Col. T. W. R. Haycraft.

HONGKONG TO EGYPT

Royal Artillery.—Capt. and Mrs. C. D. B. Campling.

SHANGHAI TO INDIA

2nd Bn., East Surrey Regt.—Lieut. A. R. Clift.

TIENTSIN TO INDIA

1st Lancashire Fusiliers.—Sgt. and Mrs. Murphy.

Zbw's Novel Type Of Programme

To-night at 8.03 p.m., Z.B.W. will conduct a novel type of programme entitled "That Music Reminds Me."

The idea behind this programme is to show how familiar tunes remind listeners of romantic and sometimes ludicrous situations in the past.

The programme will unlock the doors of the past on various episodes and familiar places. Although a tune may only be vaguely familiar to one listener, yet to another it will bring back the romance of a first proposal, a coming-out dance or even a tragic event.

This evening, the announcer proposes to give a few examples of tunes which remind him of the past. He intends to request listeners to write to Z.B.W. proposing various tunes and stating why they remain in their memories. From these letters, it is hoped to arrange a similar programme. Names will not be mentioned so that no one will know to whom they refer.

BERLIN, Jan. 8. ACCORDING to Japanese circles, a diplomatic fencing match between the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Togo, and the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Maxim Litvinov, continued this afternoon with a conversation lasting an hour and a half, without progress being made in settling the far Eastern fisheries controversy.

This was the 11th discussion in which the head of the Soviet Foreign Office and the Japanese Ambassador had participated attempting to negotiate the problem of the fisheries agreement which expired at the end of last year.

The newspaper "Red Star," organ of the Red Army, printing an article discussing the significance of the fisheries convention, reflected the Soviet attitude when it said: "The Japanese Government is overlooking the fact that it is the Soviet Government which enables Japanese fishermen to catch fish in Soviet waters, and not vice versa."

The article concluded with a reminder of the Chankung incident, adding: "The Japanese, from their own experience have been convinced that there is a substantial difference between the Tsarist army and the Red army. At Lake Khasa the Red army gave the Japanese a good lesson. The Soviet people will never, anywhere, and to any one, allow a violation of their rights."—United Press.

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£3,122,000 For a London Tunnel

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London's new tunnel under the Thames near the present Blackwall Tunnel is to cost £3,122,000.

The L.C.C. is to be asked on Tuesday to pass a capital estimate of £2,024,000 so that work on the tunnel may start at once.

The new tunnel, which will run parallel to and about 800 feet on the down stream side of the existing Blackwall Tunnel, will be used by south bound traffic, while north bound traffic will use the old tunnel.

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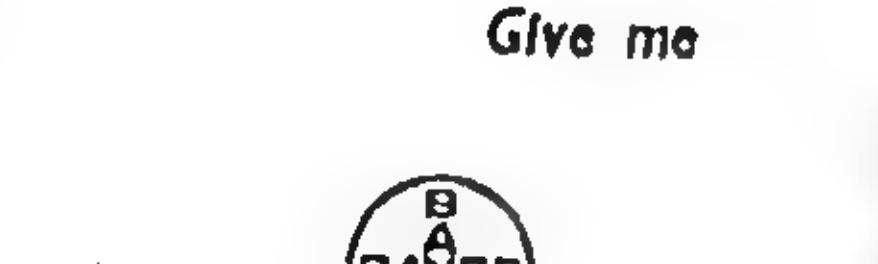
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Mercantile, A. & B. £.....273 n.
Mercantile, C. £.....13 n.
East Asia \$.....00 n.

INSURANCES

Union \$.....210 n.
Union S.....470 n.
China Underwriters etc.70 n.
H.K. Fire \$.....178 n.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$.....64 n.
Steamers \$.....18 n.
Indo-Chinas P. \$.....55 n.
Indo-Chinas D. \$.....24 n.
Shell Boilers n/.....87/114 n.
Waterboats \$.....9 n.

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Docks (new) \$.....17.00 n.
Providents (old) \$.....6.40 n.
Providents (new) \$.....6.16 n.
New Eng. Sh. \$.....5.00 n.
Sh. Docks Sh. \$.....100 n.

MINING

Kailan s/.....17/0 n.
Raubs \$.....9.35 n.
Venz. Goldfield \$.....3 n.
Hongkong Mines etc.74 n.
Antamok \$.....52 n.

LANDS

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Waterworks Ordinance, 1938.

NO. 20 of 1938.

The above Ordinance stipulates that only plumbers licensed by the Water Authority may construct, alter or repair service connected to the Water Works.

The attention of consumers is directed to the list of licensed plumbers published in the Government Gazette of the 6th January, 1939, and to additions to the above list which may appear from time to time in the Government Gazette.

To avoid contravention of the Ordinance, consumers are requested to employ only licensed plumbers on work to be done to services connected or to be connected to the Water Works.

R. M. HENDERSON,
Water Authority,
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H.K. Electric S.58 b.
Macau Electric \$.....171 n.
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WHEN IS A WIFE NOT A WIFE?

(Continued from Page 1.)

ing. There is no need for further interpretation by reference to extraneous matters in an Ordinance which has been repealed."

"In the Ordinance not a single word can be found which restricts its application to any particular form of marriage existing at any specific date, nor is there any suggestion which would exclude the form of marriage which existed at the time of the passing of the Bill. Indeed, the form of marriage in question is the only one set up by the Civil Code of China.

"In spite of this, however, the Magistrate has attempted to put a restrictive meaning into the Ordinance by his interpretation.

"He had tried to bend the words and started with a fallacious assumption.

"This, I contend, is wrong, for it was not the intention of the legislature to restrict the meaning of the word 'wife' or 'married woman'.

"The Ordinance is not for the purpose of regulating the laws of marriage, and the relations of husband and wife must exist.

"The sole question is whether or not the wife was married to her husband in accordance with the laws and customs of China, and once this question has been answered in the affirmative then the requirements of the Section are completely satisfied."

Counsel concluded by submitting that the Magistrate was wrong as the parties, having been married in accordance with the laws or customs of China, came within the meaning of the Ordinance.

Allowing the appeal, the Chief Justice referred to the unfortunate absence of the respondent, and to the proceedings in the Court below.

It had been established, he said, that there was a new form of marriage since the establishment of the Republic of China, to which recognition had been given by the Civil Code.

The respondent himself had admitted that the appeal was his kit-fat wife but the Magistrate dismissed the summons and had stated a case in the course of which he found that the parties were in fact married in 1933 and that, apart from the requirement as to registration with the Government, the marriage was in accordance with the new form.

"In spite of these findings, however, the Magistrate came to the conclusion that no relief could be granted because the interpretation of the section under the 1933 Ordinance could not be construed alone but must be construed by reference to the 1905 Ordinance, which has been repealed.

"As Mr. Lee has shown, the wording of the 1933 Ordinance is clear beyond any shadow of doubt and there is no such patent ambiguity that reference to anything outside the four corners of the statute can possibly be misconstrued.

"Another question, though it has not been raised, is that the statutory requirement of registration had not been compiled with.

"The reason is not far to seek: there was no machinery for the registration of any such marriage in this Colony. Nevertheless, the Magistrate has held that, because there was not such machinery, the only analogy in the Chinese form of ceremony was civil marriage at the Registry.

"This was a palpably mistaken view because it was impossible for the parties to register.

"The magistrate was wrong in law, but in view of the last paragraph of the stated case, the only order which we could make is that the appeal be allowed and that the case be remitted to the Magistrate for determination with the direction that, inasmuch as the evidence clearly established a valid marriage between the parties, he is, according to Chinese custom, within the meaning of the Ordinance, so to say."

The Court also directed that costs for the appeal be paid by the respondent.

Seven Buried By Swiss Avalanche

Grenoble, France, Jan. 8. Held up all night by intense cold and darkness, a rescue party set out to-day to seek the bodies of seven skiers—five men and two women, who are buried in an avalanche at Tallefier Pass in the Alps.

This is the worst skiing disaster of the season.

The alarm was given yesterday by Maurice Rouscellier, a Parisian, and the only survivor of the party, who set out in a caravan of the Parisian Alpine Ski Club.

The victims include the President of the St. Jean de Maurienne town council, Daniel De Wulf, a Director of the club, Stephane Lechner, the Austrian ski professor, Paul Elverest, a Dutch student in Paris, Raymond Emorine, a Lieutenant in the French air force, Miss Claude Magnan of Vizille, and Miss Torchon-Davan of Grenoble.

Troops on skis are participating in an effort to find the bodies, and caravans, including one led by the sub-Prefect of St. Jean de Maurienne, have also left for the spot, but none was able to get beyond Vaujaur during the night.—United Press.

One Man Boosts League

Pasadena, Cal. John Judson, Hamilton, 84, noted author and retired publisher, has launched a one-man campaign for the League of Nations. He has chosen as a slogan: "Geneva Forever." He has sent 130 original copies of a manifesto on behalf of the League to 100 libraries and 30 key figures in world affairs.

Silver Plan May Be Abandoned

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.

DECLARING THAT the United States' five-year silver buying policy had failed to obtain its objectives, Messrs. Handy and Harman, noted silver brokers, declare in their annual review of the silver market that "facts and figures" indicate the probability of the ultimate repealing of the Silver Purchase Act of 1934.

"We believe that those interested in silver should take into consideration the likelihood of such action by Congress in the future, and the effect of the market unsettlement which would be caused by the withdrawal of Government support."

Continuing the review, the dealers declare: "The year 1938 indicates clearly the market's complete dependence upon the support of the United States Government."

It estimates that the 1938 world production of silver was 264,000,000 ounces, apportioned as follows:

United States, 61,400,000, Mexico 85,000,000, Canada 23,300,000, South America 32,400,000, and all other countries 62,700,000 ounces.

REDUCED OUTPUT

The total output showed a reduction of 9,000,000 ounces, or about three and a half per cent, from last year's record figures, and of this amount, the United States accounts for the largest proportion.

The review also observes: "China again proved the largest source of supply for demonetized silver. Official reports from the Chinese Maritime Customs covering the first 11 months of the year show that over 60,000,000 ounces were exported, of which 5,000,000 ounces were sent direct to England, and nearly 55,000,000 to Hongkong."

In the latter case, silver, plus other coins received prior to 1939 was trans-shipped from Hongkong to England to swell the holdings for the Chinese account already in London; and from these holdings a steady stream of coin flowed into the United States throughout the year.

Presumably its ultimate destination was the United States Treasury."

It is estimated that about 210,000,000 ounces of silver were shipped from London, and about 25,000,000 ounces still remain, according to advices from abroad.

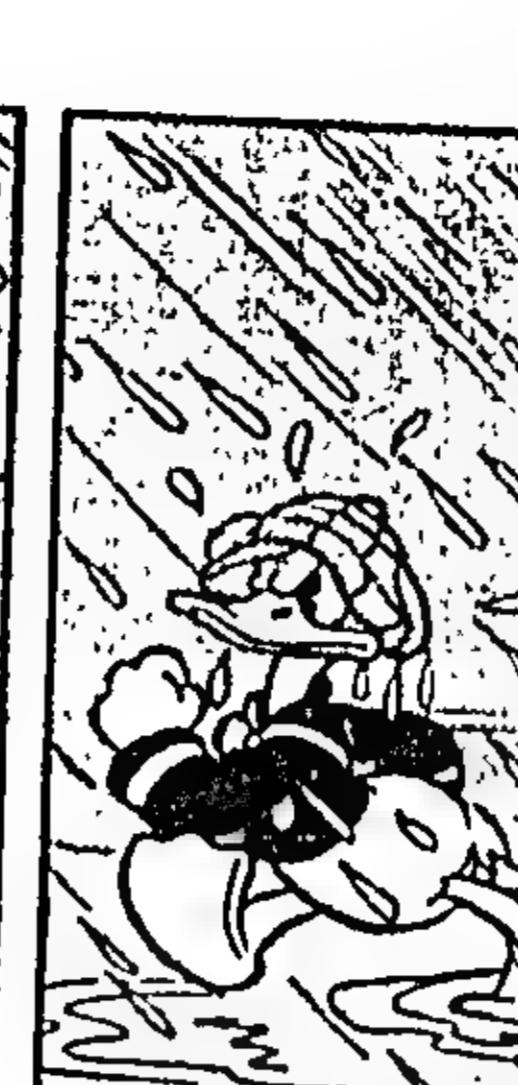
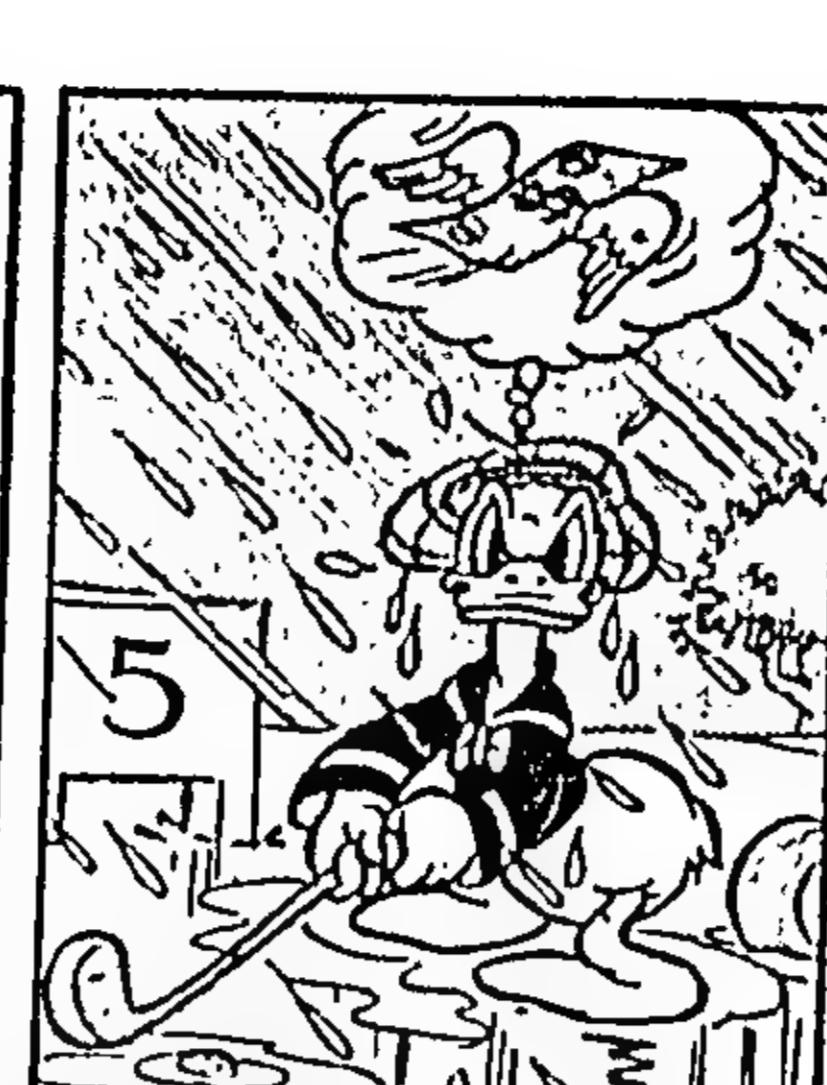
Continuing the review says: "In addition to the foregoing, there were sales in London on the Japanese account, which we also consider to be Chinese. Part of this silver was in the form of bars, refined in Japan, and part in Chinese coin, refined in London. Our estimate of such supplies, in excess of Japanese mine production is 15,200,000 ounces."

HONGKONG SHIPS

"Hongkong shipped about 3,000,000 ounces of refined and unrefined bullion to London, and about 140,000 ounces of coin to San Francisco. These accounts we attribute also to China, making the total supplies from that source 240,300,000 ounces."

The review adds that it is estimated that the total United States acquisitions of silver during 1938 was 410,200,000 ounces, which is the largest recorded, except for 1935, when the figure of 534,000,000 ounces was recorded.

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Death Of
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LONDON, Jan. 8. THE death is announced of Sir William Bradford Griffith, C.B.E., formerly Chief Justice of the Gold Coast, and subsequently legal adviser to the Ministry of Pensions.—*Reuter*.

Sir William, who was nearly 81 years of age, had a distinguished scholarly career, ending when he was called to the Bar in 1881.

In 1884 he was acting Queen's Advocate to the Gold Coast Colony, became District Commissioner a year later, and was resident Magistrate of Jamaica from 1888 until he became Chief Justice of the Gold Coast in 1895.

He administered the Government of Lagos in 1896, and was deputy Governor of the Gold Coast in 1897.

He retired in 1911, and was appointed President of the special court for the trial of Human Leopard cases in Sierra Leone in 1912.

He was a special constable in the D. Division from 1914 to 1920, and from 1914 to 1919 was a volunteer attached to the Inns of Court. He assisted the Air Board in 1917.

He wrote several authoritative works on Gold Coast history, and also compiled the Ordinance of the Gold Coast Colony in 1887.

Shop Theft Is
Frustrated

Thinking that the salesmen of a shop in Des Voeux Road Central were busy attending to customers, Yeung Fai, 25, unemployed, attempted to steal two cases of architectural instruments from the show-window, but he was seen. A salesman gave chase and arrested him. Yeung was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Rangoon Fears
Riots

RANGOON, Jan. 8. TROOPS and police concentrated at strategic points throughout the city this morning, owing to the tense situation as oilfield workers paraded the city, waving flags and slogans, en route to the cemetery to pay homage to a University student who was killed in a clash with the police at Montha-Bo.—*United Press*.

Palestine
Frontiers
Now Closed

Jerusalem, Jan. 8. Stricter control is being exercised along the Palestine frontiers.

It is officially announced that the frontiers have been closed, and traffic passes now cannot be issued until further notice. Pass restrictions will be imposed from January 12 on motor passenger vehicles driven by non-Europeans and non-Jews according to the announcement of the military authorities.

Traffic will not be allowed to enter Syria or Trans-Jordan, the reason given being that the privileges granted, as well as military passes, will be used in a manner adverse to military security.—*Reuter*.

New Headquarters Now
Established At
Kongmoon

THE energetic and useful service of the Chinese Red Cross Society, Canton, after the fall of that city and the evacuation by the members of the society to places along the West River, was described in detail in a pamphlet just issued.

The pamphlet tells how the medical members of the society, after encountering manifold difficulties and dangers, abandoned the City of Nanking and after a hazardous westward trek, have established themselves in their new headquarters at Kongmoon, where connexion with field stations at the front and rear are closely maintained.

After handing over the charge of the Society to Canton to two German doctors, the pamphlet recounts, the main body of the ambulance service of the society evacuated Canton on October 21, the same day the city fell into Japanese hands.

SUPPLIES REMOVED

Before evacuating, the major portion of medical supplies was shipped to Shiuhsing, twenty miles above Samshui on the West River. At the same time, field stations were maintained at Faishan, Sianmu, and other places near the fighting zone, while offices were established at Shiuhsing, Tsinling, Kwongming, and many other important cities.

These offices, the pamphlet declares, were chiefly responsible for the steady supply of medicine and first aid corps which were sent to the front and also rear places in time of emergency.

Several members of the medical staff of the society, who remained behind when the general evacuation took place, have since rejoined their comrades after a large number of refugees in Canton were given medical aid and otherwise taken care of.

Throughout the westward trip, the society has been rendering very good service in aiding various local hospitals and wards with medical

supplies. At Shiuhsing, the pamphlet states, the society was particularly fortunate in having detailed large supplies of medicine there on November 22, when the Japanese staged a terrible air raid on the city. Large numbers of wounded people who would otherwise have suffered a terrible fate were quickly treated.

DESTITUTES AIDED

The pamphlet enumerated numerous cases where destitute refugees along the West River were given medicine and care by members of the society.

With the headquarters of the Society now moved to Kongmoon, the pamphlet states, close contact is maintained with the surrounding districts, especially Sianmu, Tsinling, Hukhien and Hoiping. As a recent instance of the Society's service, large numbers of wounded victims of the recent Japanese air attack on the city were cared for by Red Cross units.

Contact with Hongkong is maintained through the Society's Hongkong Office established in the premises of the local "Wah Kiu Yat Pao," to which donations, monetary or in supplies, may be forwarded.—*Central News*.

APPOINTMENTS

Notifications in The
Government Gazette

It is notified in the Government Gazette that Mr. E. H. Williams was summoned duty as Crown Counsel on December 30, 1938.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Messrs. H. B. L. Duggin, O.B.E., J.P., and Cyril Chapman, Jr., to be members of the Licensing Board for a further period of three years.

Mr. H. A. Mills is to be Assistant Postmaster General and Chief Accountant, General Post Office, with effect from January 1, 1939.

Drs. Tai Hon-hung, M.B., Ch.B. (Edin.), and Teng Pin-hui, M.B., B.S. (H.K.), are appointed Health Officers. It is also notified that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Honourable Mr. Andrew Lusk Shields to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, vice Mr. Marcus Theodore Johnson, resigned, with effect from October 18, 1938.

Dutch Legation
For Montreal

Le Hague, Jan. 8. The Dutch Government has decided to establish a Legation at Montreal and to appoint shortly a Dutch Minister with the Canadian Government.—*Reuter*.

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8.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 New Dance Music and Varieties.

Why Talk About Love—Quicksstep; Toss in My Heart—Slow Fox-Trot; Henry Jacques and His Orchestra; Fold Your Wings ("Glamorous Night")... Mary Ellis and Trevor Jones acc; by Duray Lane Theatre Orchestra; Bull in C—Slow Fox-Trot; Doctor Rhythm—Fox-Trot... The New Lyrical; Fleur Bleue—Fox-Trot Chante; Je Chante—One Step Chante... Charles Trenet acc; by Wall-Berry and His Orchestra; What is Romance?—Slow Fox-Trot; The Chocolate Soldier's Daughter—Quicksstep... Roy Fox and His Orchestra; Just in Fun... Max Miller (Comedian); You're an Education—Quicksstep; So Long, Sweetheart—Slow Fox-Trot... Henry Jacques and His Orchestra; The Yam Step—As Explained by Fred Astaire; The Yam (Film—Carefree)... Fred Astaire with Ray Noble and His Orchestra; Small Fry—Slow Fox-Trot; A Little Toy Sail Boat—Fox-Trot... Gerald and His Orchestra; Let's All Have a Chorus... with Tommy Handley and His Pals.

7.30 Tito Schipa.

La Cumparsita—Tango; Confession—Tango; Princesita (Little Princess).

8.40 The Milan Symphony Orchestra.

La Mula di Portici—Overture (Auber); Fra Diavolo—Overture (Auber); Manon Lescaut—Intermezzo (Puccini).

8.00 Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—"That Music Reminds Me."

8.30 The Latest Dance Music. Silver On The Sage (Film: The

Texans)—Fox-Trot; There's A Brand New Picture in My Picture Frame (Fox-Trot)... Tommy Tucker and His Orchestra; There's Rain In My Eyes—Slow Fox-Trot... Mantovini and His Orchestra; Hush, Here Comes the Dream Man—Slow Fox-Trot; Teddy Tall In Town Today—6-8 One Step... Henry Hall and His Orchestra; Algernon Whiffler, John—Comedy Fox-Trot; When It's Thursday Night In Egypt—Comedy Fox-Trot... Harry Roy and His Orchestra; They Gave Him a Gun To Play With—Fox-Trot; When the Circus Came to Town—Novelty Fox-Trot... Jay Wilbur and His Band.

9.00 London Relay—"Hands Across the Sea," by Noel Coward.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 A Chopin Programme.

Concerto No. 1 in E Minor Op. 11... Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra; Nocturne in C Sharp Minor; Nathan Milstein (Violin); Etude No. 7 Op. 25... Lerner String Quartet; Polonaise in E Flat... Jose Echaniz (Pianoforte).

10.30 London Relay—In Town To-night.

Introducing personalities from every walk of life in interviews with Lionel Gammie, flashes from the news of the week, and 'Standing on the Corner' (Michael Standing interviews the man in the street); Edited and Produced by C. F. Meenan. 11.00 Close Down.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

Russian Community Hold
Christmas Festival

St. Voldemar's Day, set aside for children in Russia, was celebrated by the Russian community in Hongkong with a party at the St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday, when over 70 children were present.

The party was arranged by a committee from the Russian Orthodox Church. They were Mrs. V. Astanasiuk, Mrs. A. Moors, Mrs. L. Kreloff and Mrs. L. Veriga.

The hall was tastefully decorated, while a Christmas tree laden with bon-bons and toys were placed in the centre. These were later distributed to the children.

A speech was given in Russian by the Rev. Dimitre of the Russian Orthodox Church, while Mrs. A. Shapiro was the leader of the chorus for the singing. Other items included recitation of a number of Russian poems.

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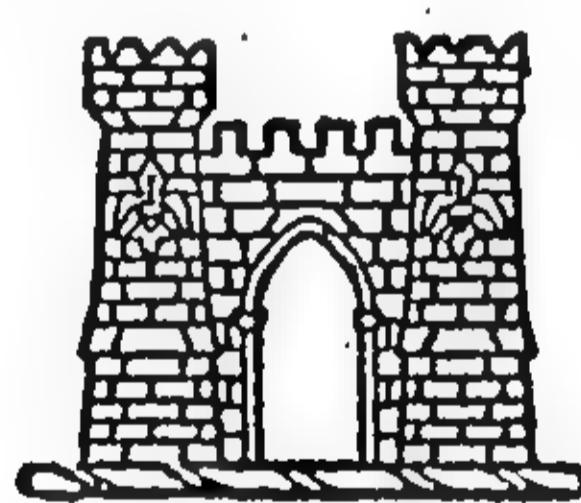
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Appeasement or Peace?

THAT WE SHOULD live at peace with all our neighbours is an ideal that no one would wish to repudiate. Nor need the fact that some nations have adopted forms of Government very different from our own be by itself an obstacle to peaceful relationships between our democracies and their dictatorial regimes.

The difficulty arises, however, in international policies, for countries like Germany and Italy and Japan insist on deciding for themselves what they consider their due, and definitely set about reaching their goals by violent means without any regard to the rights of other peoples. This is an attitude that makes true Peace impossible. In its place the world becomes an anarchy, where Might alone determines right.

Japan overruns China, Italy annexes Abyssinia, Germany seizes Austria and Czechoslovakia. The League of Nations advances a very different plan for World Peace as its objective. It is founded on the democratic virtue of tolerance. The integrity and independence of each nation—however small and insignificant it may be—is to be respected. Violence is no longer to be used by any nation as a means of securing what it considers justice for itself. No nation is to be judge in its own cause. Disputes are to be settled in a third-party world forum and Governments agree to abide by decisions so reached. Patent injustices in relationships are to be remedied by peaceful means in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and goodwill. The united strength of the whole Community of Nations is pledged against aggression and anarchic violence.

This programme for peace is the only one that is workable; and the present unhappy conditions that prevail universally are due to its abandonment by the nations that pay lip service to its tenets but in practice betray its principles.

We have sought appeasement with the militarist aggressive nations by yielding to their demands. The whole fabric of Law and Order has broken down. Every nation is wasting its substance in preparation for the calamity of another World War, which threatens to destroy all the values of the civilisation that has been so painfully built up.

Are we to continue this surrender? It is perhaps not too late even now to return to the League of Nations, for even today the nations that stand for Law and Order, and Peace are sufficiently powerful to check the flood of insanity that threatens to overwhelm the world.

INNOCENT—AND 21 YEARS IN GAOL

IN the early days of the Russian revolution, when the Allies still thought that Russia could be persuaded to continue the war, President Wilson sent a distinguished journalist as an unofficial ambassador to St. Petersburg. The first night after his arrival he awoke to see collected outside his hotel a huge crowd who shouted in unison one word only, "Muni, Muni."

The journalist, impressed by what he took to be a pro-American demonstration, inquired what this curious Russian expression might mean. He was then told that it was the name of a Californian Labour leader who a little while before had been sentenced to death for supposed participation in a bomb outrage.

This man, Thomas J. Mooney, his sentence commuted to life imprisonment, is after 21 years of confinement, to gain his freedom. Last week the Californian Governor kept his promise made at the recent gubernatorial elections, to sign a pardon for his release.

Of Mooney's innocence there is no doubt. The judge at his trial, and nine of the ten surviving jurymen, signed a petition for his pardon. Under the heading of "The Lawless Enforcement of Law," appointed by President Hoover to investigate "Law Enforcement and Observance," drew up a lengthy report on Mooney's case which completely vindicated him.

This section of the report was suppressed. However, by a vote of the Senate, President Hoover was compelled to produce it, and it is from that suppressed report that the following facts of the case are taken.

ON the afternoon of July 22, 1916, a bomb exploded during a pro-war "Preparedness Day" parade in San Francisco. Nine persons were killed and

forty wounded. Owing to the failure of the police to examine the site, the nature of the bomb was never determined. Though a tin canister had been seen falling from the roof of a nearby building the police deduced from a cog-wheel belonging to an alarm clock found near the scene by a souvenir-hunter that the explosion was caused by a time bomb concealed in a suitcase. No parts of a suitcase were, however, found.

A private detective, Martin Swanson, previously in the pay of the Employers' Association, was given charge of the case by the District Attorney, and he advised the immediate arrest of Mooney, his wife, two other Labour leaders, Warren Billings and Edward Nolan, and a taxi-driver, Israel Weinberg. The first four were known to be enemies of Swanson's.

Swanson's theory was that the bomb had been manufactured by Nolan and adjusted at the time of the explosion. The prosecution was aware of another address by Mooney, the Billings and Mrs. Mooney, and the unreliable nature of the then taken by Mooney, and evidence it was presenting. For Billings in Weinberg's taxi to example, the principal witness

“Telegraph” readers are already familiar with the notorious case of Tom Mooney. In this article, Mr. G. H. C. Bing, a well-known barrister authority on International trials, brings the amazing story up to date, with special reference to the applications made for the release of America's "Dreyfus."

TOM MOONEY — "Guilty or innocent, they were not going to let him out."

the actual scene of the explosion. of the supposed meeting with only half to say you saw me on To substantiate this theory, Mrs. Mooney to adjust the bomb July 22 in San Francisco, and that Nolan's house was raided, had before the trial made a will be easy done. Instead, and the District Attorney announced in a Press release that she was only present in her the Press. After long delays that was only present in her the Press. After long delays the Californian authorities were compelled to prosecute Oxman

Even at the time of his trial the evidence against Mooney for subversion of perjury.

THE cases against Nolan, Mrs. Mooney and Weinberg, in which he was to have perjured. Mooney had a strong alibi to show that at the time of the bomb exploded he was at the star witness, had to be home. The prosecution produced only two witnesses to Billings, whom he was instru-

None of the witnesses for the prosecution was able to identify any of the prisoners in an identification parade. One of MacDonald, in 1921 made a sworn confession that his prison was universally accepted as untrue. The other, acknowledged. But this did not

Oxman, was, after the trial, secure their release. The denounced by an upcountry Californian authorities felt that farmer, who said that at the time of the explosion Oxman "Reds" in prison, and guilty was lunching with him and his wife at their farm, some to let them out. It was only by

hundred miles from San Francisco. that Mooney was saved. Will

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A FACTORY WITHOUT MACHINERY Where Everything Is Made By Hand

IN these days of mechanisation it is a pretty unusual thing to find a factory without machinery.

This actually is the case with the new "Sobranie House" the premises now occupied in London by A. Weinberg, manufacturers of the famous Balkan Sobranie tobacco and cigarettes.

During a recent visit a Press representative failed to find one single piece of machinery other than the tobacco cutting machines, and these are used, so said Mr. David Redstone, only because good hand cutters are nearly extinct to-day in Britain and a labour minded government will not allow foreign tobacco cutters to be imported.

The absence of the noise of machines is noticeable, and added to the general cleanliness and spaciousness, almost a cathedral effect is produced. Only the very best, high priced tobaccos are used in this factory, and pretty nearly every particle of dust is removed from it by successive siftings.

ROWS OF WORKERS
Every process is done by hand and it is quite a fascinating sight to see the rows of cigarette makers, with their fingers working like lightning, picking out just the right amount of tobacco for each cigarette, making the cigarette and dropping it into a wooden trough, from which it is collected by girls for

first to introduce the hand-making now goes back over making of finest Turkish thirty-three years. Until 1922 the name Balkan Sobranie was known only to a Turkish, Egyptian, Russian and comparatively small circle of Virginia cigarette tobacco connoisseurs. Since then it has

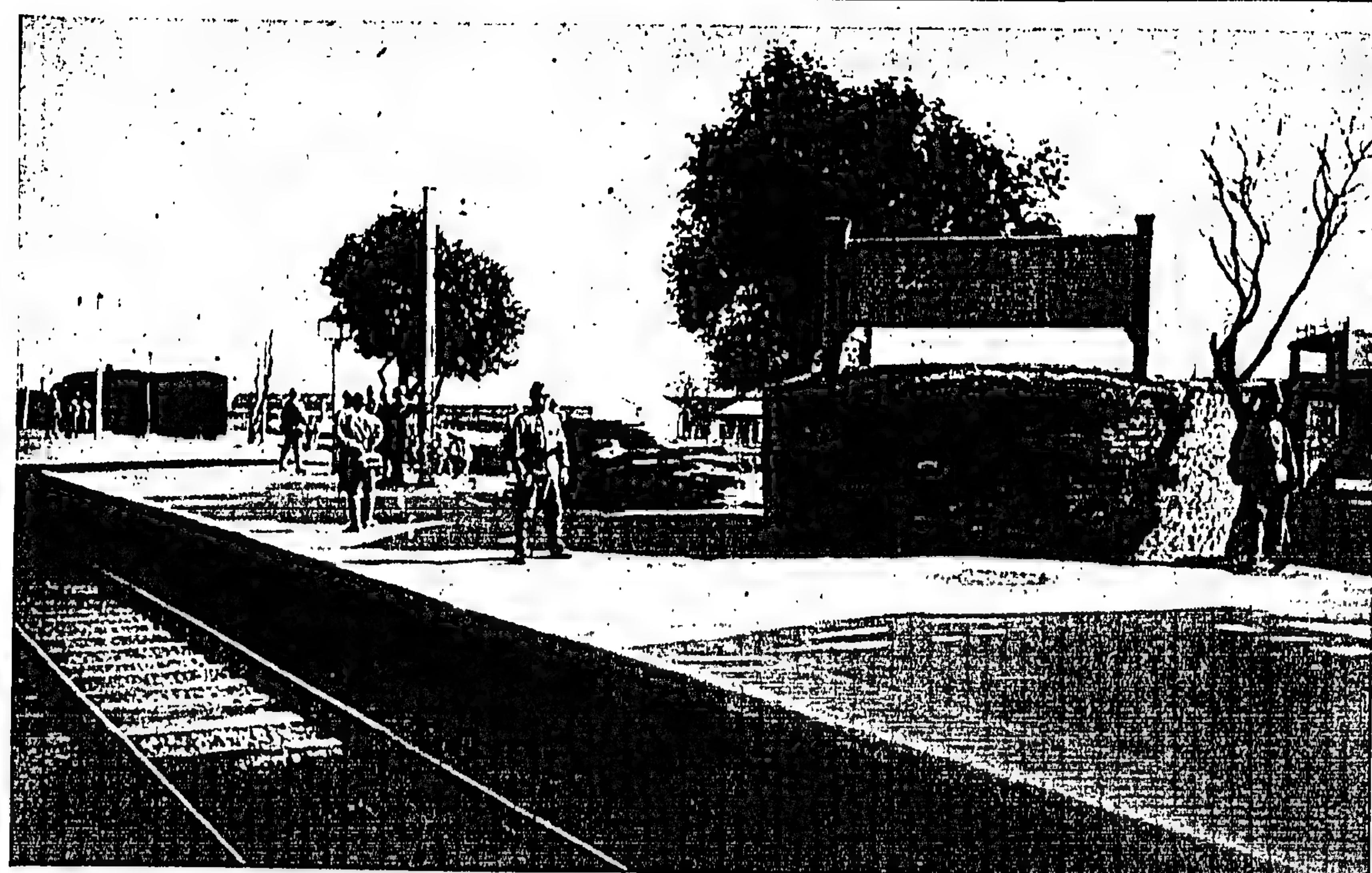
In the year 1922 the achieved a much wider fame the business of Albert Weinberg world over.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichy



"So they gimme a pardon, eh? Well, that's society for you—they teach you a trade, then turn you out where you can't make a livin' at it!"



THE ACTIVITIES OF CHINESE SOLDIERS and marauding bands of armed guerrillas along the railway lines leading out of Shanghai have prompted the Japanese military to take drastic precautions against this type of operation. Strongly built pillboxes have been built on the railway stations and along the track of the Shanghai-Nanking railway as a protective measure. Shown in the picture is a brick pillbox erected at Wuhu Station and guarded by Japanese soldiers.

ATTACKED BY PIRATES Five Killed In Yangtse Outrage

SHANGHAI, Jan. 9.—THE GERMAN STEAMER Hansa was attacked on Sunday on the Lower Yangtse near Woosung by Chinese pirates.

Approaching the steamer in several junks, the pirates opened fire, killing five Chinese passengers and wounding several others.

The German steamer returned the fire and prevented the pirates from boarding the ship, which, speeding up, escaped the attackers, and reached Shanghai on Sunday evening.—*Trans-Ocean*.

WHAT CZECHS LOST IN SEPT. CRISIS

PRAGUE, Jan. 8.—THE OFFICIAL STATISTICAL BUREAU has published official data on the new Czechoslovakia.

The area of the Republic now comprises 60,347 square miles. 24,597 square miles were surrendered to other countries after the conference in Munich on September 29.

Of this Germany received 17,208; 7,104 went to Hungary and Poland received 651.

Of the three parts of the new federal state; Slovakia, Carpatho-Russia and the historical unit of Moravia-Silesia-Bohemia; Slovakia is administratively the largest. It has an area of 23,073 square miles, Moravia-Silesia has 10,152 square miles and Carpatho-Russia 6,656 square miles. Moravia-Silesia-Bohemia which to-day are combined in a political unit altogether have an area of 20,917 square miles—49 per cent. of the area of the entire country. The present territory of Czechoslovakia comprises 70.4 per cent. of the territory it occupied before Munich.

Through Munich, Czechoslovakia lost 4,922,140 people. She has to-day a population of 9,617,096—60.4 per cent. of the original population. The "Historical Lands"—Moravia-Silesia-Bohemia, now contain 6,804,878 people—more than two-thirds of the entire population. Slovakia has 2,450,000 and Carpatho-Russia 552,124.

The numbers of the various nationalities in Czechoslovakia is as follows:

Czechs	6,453,857
Slovaks	2,055,802
Russians	512,289
Germans	234,798
Hungarians	8,705
Others	31,019

The nationalities are resident in the separate parts of Czechoslovakia as follows:

Czechs	6,453,857
Russians	8,621
Germans	234,798
Hungarians	8,705
Others	1,839

These figures were compiled by the statistical bureau on the basis of the census of 1930.

Since Slovakia and the Historical Lands were at that time considered as political one unit, the Slovaks living in Slovakia were counted as Czechs and Slovaks respectively. A certain degree of vagueness thus resulted.

Slovaks	2,055,802
Russians	80,187
Germans	134,317
Hungarians	65,780
Others	771

United Press

Fort Clinton, O.

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Muskrats Hint Cold Winter

NEW TRADE LINK TO CHINA SOON OPEN TO TRAFFIC

Motor lorries crossing the frontier between China and Burma will provide a new trade link between China and the Western world this month.

One of the aims of British and American credits to China is to develop this trade by-pass, and a portion of the funds made available will purchase lorries to ply along the motor road nearing completion between Yunnanfu and Lashio, on the route to Mandalay.

Unconquered China has become nearly landlocked. Japan, having cut off the source of supplies along the Canton-Hankow railway, has induced France to close the railway through French Indo-China to war materials.

There remains the rough road from Russian Central Asia along which are carried war supplies bought from the Soviets.

Japan seeks to shut out trade from the West by an exclusionist policy and by closing waterways and harbours to foreign trade.

Hence with the increasing menace to Hongkong—British and American interest in the route through Burma.

343 MILES TO BE COMPLETED

The first 275 miles of the new motor road, from Yunnanfu to Hsia-kwan, were opened three years ago and only recently have the necessities of war forced a speeding-up of work on the remaining 243 miles on the Chinese side.

Gangs of peasants, estimated to number 150,000 or more, have been working day and night to complete the task—cutting the bed of the road with primitive implements in steep hillsides of red slate and in the plains metalising the surface with stones from river beds.

Their labour is compulsory and unpaid, each village being responsible for its allotted section, and men, women and children are set to work building a highway for strange wheeled vehicles which few of them have ever seen in an area where mule caravans are a more familiar sight.

Rains from June to October have threatened the road-making with floods and landslides, but once completed it is expected to make the journey from Yunnanfu to Burma possible in five days. And Rangoon is a week nearer Europe than is Haiphong, the port of the French railway.

BRITISH NAVY Cruiser Liverpool Commissioned

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Manners By Post

WHEN you write a letter, do you ever follow it in your mind's eye to its destination? Do you visualize the expression on the face of the recipient when reading the contents?

You certainly ought to do so, for a letter can shine as vividly as a bright light before you, or it can weigh like a stone in your pocket. It can colour the whole day for the one who receives it, or cast a grey mantle of gloom.

Which colour do your letters take with them?

If you are a bad correspondent, check the habit of putting off answering letters. Make it a golden rule to reply to all letters within three days of receiving them. If you delay, your letter will have to consist mostly of an apology, and that won't bring back a very cheerful answer.

Friendships thrive on pen and paper, but fade away for want of response. Strangely enough, the more you write the more news you will find to give.

What to say is often a problem. But it ought not to be. Pick out all the happy bits of news to relate. Never grumble or complain. If you have to mention illness or distress, try to make light of it. By the time your letter is delivered the trouble will probably be improved, and your friends will worry needlessly.

Write to your friends as you would talk to them. The essence of a letter is that it should be personal. Nobody will thank you for a discourse on the European situation. It is a little thing like the souffle that did not rise, your new jumper, or your visit to the theatre that make interesting reading for your friends.

When answering a letter, read it through carefully so that you can begin by referring to things mentioned in it before starting off on your own affairs. Always acknowledge money and invitations at once, even though you have only time to scribble a post card.

What to Avoid

Never write unkind letters. The urge to write and "tell that person off" is often strong. Maybe he—or she—has said something nasty about you or appeared to slight you in some way or other. Spoken angry words can be forgotten if they are not said too often, but written words become photographed on the mind and live long to haunt us.

If you have a sick friend or one in trouble, make time to sit down and send a word of sympathy and cheer. It is the thought that matters, not what you write.

Remember that a birthday letter is doubly appreciated if you post it in time to arrive on the right date! Keep an address book to avoid having to omit writing a letter owing to lack of an address.

Regarding replies to invitations, remember to use the same form of speech when replying. Third person calls for that person, a friend, or informer, note for such a mother, etc. It is always a safe and polite rule to repeat the essentials, such as:

Hat and Muff Set of Fur

New York. Buying clothes is always a thrilling adventure, but is even more so this season. If you are a good budget-stretcher you will enjoy the idea of owning a half dozen hats. That's the general idea—a hat for every costume and for every occasion and, what's more, a muff to match some of them.

The new muffs are either of fur or of corded or shirred velvet. Evening muffs made use of other fabrics while those bridesmaids carry are often of flowers.

MUFFS ARE PRETTY

Muffs are also happy combinations of fur and the same cloth as in the coat. Most of them are good looking if a bit spectacular in size and shape, it being the large muff as well as the large bag that is the present vogue.

The winter coat problem is probably behind you, but if it isn't and you are looking for just what you want, it's encouraging to report that while some coats are literally buried under fur, there are also very trim and stylish ones without. There has been a good deal of talk in fashion columns about coloured coats but they are not any too easy to find.

Among the many fashion shows New Yorkers attended have been some confined to furs alone, and, as one might expect, the luxury angle was played. At one fox dominated, another ermine, but as one goes around one sees that smart women are wearing sable, mink and beaver marten coats made of three to five skins and adjusted at will. Fur hats or hoods partially of fur are very much in vogue, but since hats seem to get smaller and smaller, one needn't worry very much about the amount of fur it takes to make one.

Paris.

Mussy Roul's midseason collections contain many suits. Blouses in satin or lingerie type accompany all suits. Newest silhouette suggests bustle outline through panel of gathered fullness at back of skirt. Gay colour names feature



BIG sister chooses a shirt with easy fitting pleated shorts. Her two younger sisters look charming in their printed cotton tub frocks. Baby is proud of the appliqued duck on her gay check rompers, while sonny, kneeling, looks very 'manly' in his dark linen knickers and short-sleeved shirt.

the time and date of an invitation in the answer, whether the reply is formal or the reverse.

I. H.

HOW often has an excursion been spoilt by some member of the expedition exclaiming, "I can't go any farther; my feet ache so!"

Although it is true that in some cases the cause may not be the fault of the individual, the vast majority of foot troubles are due to the person concerned.

Carelessness, ignorance or pride are the chief culprits. People cannot be bothered to get suitable shoes for walking. Some do not realise that feet unused to long walks will not function like those of an athlete.

Others have purchased shoes because they look nice or because they make the feet look small.

If you want shoes that will carry you over miles of country, over hill

Are your feet

SPOIL-SPORTS?

and dale, then buy a pair with thick soles and soft uppers, a pair that really fit. Break them in a week or two before the holiday.

Those who suffer most from foot troubles are the people with thin bony feet, flat feet or feet that perspire too freely.

Size, Please

The first class should be careful in their choice of footwear. They require bigger shoes relatively than those with fat feet because the latter are already padded and the friction of a tight shoe does not affect them to the same extent. A thinly covered foot quickly chafes if shoe is too tight.

Flat feet are those where the normal arch which gives a spring to the gait has fallen and the patient instead of being held up by the elastic bands underneath the foot, walks on the more solid bony joints of the foot.

There is no cure for flat foot in an advanced stage because the bones have changed in shape and nothing will ever alter that, but a considerable amount of relief can be obtained by wearing a soft sponge inner sole to the shoe.

In the early stages flat feet will usually yield to exercise, helped by the building-up of the shoe on its inner edge so as to throw the weight of the body on to the outer

ALTHOUGH we are having cold weather these days, it won't be long before the children will be throwing off their heavy clothes and demanding something lighter. Why not start preparing now.

Now that the sales are on, you will find plenty of remnants from which the practical designs illustrated can be made.

Look at these happy youngsters—they play freely and easily as their clothes don't worry them.

Twelve-year-old Tomboy daughter will choose shorts as No. 1174. These are more feminine this year, with pleats back and front to give a skirt-like appearance.

Grey flannel or light coloured linens are used with orange, bright green, or scarlet blouses.

Little Tommy in his short-sleeved shirt and dark blue linen knickers, No. 1175, is getting down to business.

Holding Tomboy's hand is Mary in a practical cotton frock, No. 1176, with useful buttoned bodice and knickers to match.

"Isn't the show great?" says eight-year-old Sue. She wears an easy-to-make frock, No. 1177, belted at waist and with contrast collar and binding on puff sleeves.

Baby can't spoil this romper, No. 1178, and can tumble about in the sand to her heart's content. She will be well pleased if you decorate it with a small duck or woolly lamb.

Recipe

ORANGE AND BANANA TART

MASH three bananas with a little caster sugar. Add a cupful of orange juice, the juice of half a lemon, and sufficient fine sponge cake crumbs to form a cream. Line a tart plate with short crust pastry, and bake with the inside weighted with rice so that it does not rise. When the pastry is cold, fill with the orange mixture, make a circle of very thin orange slices all round the edge, and sprinkle chopped blanched almonds over the centre.

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Grim determination is written on the faces of these little boys during a tug-o-war at the K.C.C. Children's Sports.—Jaffer.



This little girl is cautiously making her way along the back of the horse with a revolving body.—Jaffer.



This picture was taken from the goal mouth just as a little boy prepared to kick the football.—Jaffer.



Tea time for the kiddies at the K.C.C. New Year's Day Sports.—Jaffer.



Nearing the finish of the Girls' Skipping race at the K.C.C. Sports.—Jaffer.

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Warplanes Sold By Fraud

ISTANBUL, Jan. 8. The alleged purchase of 50 American and Canadian warplanes on the Turkish Government's account through forged signatures, and their sale to the Loyalist Government in Spain, appears in the news-papers.

An official of the Turkish Foreign Ministry is stated to be under arrest at Ankara, and that another Turk has been detained in France.—Reuter.

R.A.F. Mission For Australia

London, Jan. 8. It is announced that, on the invitation of the Australian Government, a mission from the United Kingdom will visit Australia in the near future for the purpose of examining in consultation with representatives of the Australian Government, the possibility of the creation of the further capacity for the production of aircraft in the Commonwealth, and to prepare a scheme for the consideration of both governments.

The mission will consist of Sir Hardman Lever, who was a member of the recent mission to Canada, Colonel Sir Donald Banks, and Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore.

The mission will be assisted by experts, and will proceed to Australia shortly.

It is learned that the object of the mission is to establish a scheme similar to the Canadian plan. However, it is pointed out that the construction of aircraft in Canada is purely for the supply of aircraft to Great Britain, whereas the Australian scheme will be purely for supplying planes for the Australian air force.—Reuter.

LATE NEWS

Heavy Air Raid On Spanish Seaport

Madrid, Jan. 8. Five Savoia planes bombed the centre of Valencia to-day. Many are dead and wounded, while much damage is reported.

During the same raid, the machines bombed the prison at San Miguel Reyes, where numerous prisoners are detained.

A later message says that 30 bodies have been discovered in the city ruins.—United Press.

Duke As Actor In Amateur Film

London. The Duke of Connaught is to take part in a film with boys of the Royal Albert Orphanage, Camberley. The film, which will show the work of the orphanage, is being made by members of the Windlesham Camera Club, of which the Duke is patron. The Duke has been President of the orphanage for more than 30 years.

REFUGEE PROBLEM

American Ambassador And Mussolini

Washington, Jan. 7. In answer to a question on the subject the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, made a statement concerning the conversation that the American Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips, had with Mussolini in Rome last week.

Mr. Sumner Welles confirmed the report that the conversation concerned the problem of emigration of Jews from Germany, but refused to furnish any further particulars.

Mr. Welles emphasized, however, that Mussolini had shown a "conciliatory attitude."

In well-informed circles it is declared that the American Ambassador submitted to Mussolini further details of the plan for settlement of Jewish refugees in Abyssinia, and intimated that the United States would be prepared to assist in financing this project.—Trans-Ocean.

Co-ordinating Committee

London, Jan. 7. The Co-ordinating Committee for Refugees, set up five years ago, which now has Lord Halley as its Chairman, is making arrangements for grouping of various refugee organisations to whose varied efforts it seeks to give a unified direction in one office building in Central London.

Among Lord Halley's assistants is Sir Henry Dunbury, former Controller and Accountant General to the Post Office.—British Wireless.

Australian Plan

Canberra, Jan. 7. Australia is making preparations to protect herself against an influx of undesirable emigrants from Europe, according to a statement made to-day by Mr. John McEwen, Home Minister of Australia.

A net of migration offices is to be opened in co-operation with welfare associations for fugitives. All emigrants wishing to receive permission to settle in Australia are to undergo in these offices an examination by trained Australian immigration officers as to their suitability as Australian settlers.

Australia thus hopes to keep out those who would fail to become useful citizens.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE BUILDING

Half a Million Tons Now Under Construction

Tokyo, Jan. 8. Japanese shipping companies are building 84 vessels, aggregating 521,740 tons, which will be launched and completed within the year.

A further 15 vessels, aggregating 114,190 tons will take the water next year, while 1941 will see five more boats, aggregating 72,500 tons, put into commission.

Noteworthy amongst those under construction are the three new ships which the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is now building in the Mitsubishi dockyard at Nagasaki. The 16,500-tonners, the Nitta Maru, Yawata Maru and Kasuga Maru, will take the water next June. Developing a speed of 21 knots, they will be placed on the European run.

The Argentina Maru and Brazil Maru, under construction for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, will be launched in June and put on the South American line, each being of 13,000 tons, with a speed of 20 knots.

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Prince Paul In Rumania

BUCHAREST, Jan. 8. PRINCE PAUL of Yugoslavia arrived at Transylvania to-day on a visit to King Carol, who is with a shooting party there.

Foreign diplomats expressed the belief that King Carol and Prince Paul are eager to exchange views on matters relating to the coming visit of Count Ciano to Belgrade.

It is believed Italy will seek to be the referee or peacemaker between her friends—Hungary on the one hand, and Yugoslavia and Rumania on the other hand at the expense of Germany.—Reuter.

Grover Brings Wife Home

LONDON, Jan. 8. Brian Grover and his wife arrived in London to-day, completing their journey from Moscow.

Grover's former employer stated to-day that his job had been kept for him.—Reuter.

Grover is the Prince Charming of fairyland come to life. Recently he flew to Moscow without a passport or visa, after these had been denied him by the Russian authorities in London, in an attempt to free his Russian-born wife, whom he had not seen for four years, and whom, he understood, was in prison.

When he was indicted before a Russian court for entering the country without a passport, he made an impassioned appeal, vowing that his adventure was motivated by nothing but love for his wife. As a result he was freed, his wife allowed to renounce her Russian citizenship and released from prison, and the two permitted to leave the country to return to England. This they did during the week-end, travelling via Warsaw.

Swiss Air Liner Crash: 5 Die

Paris, Jan. 8. Five persons were killed and 12 injured when a Swiss air liner crashed near Senlis to-day.

Among the injured was Captain J. K. Mathew, who had recently been serving in Palestine.—Reuter.

MEXICAN PAYMENT

Britain Receives Sum For Oil

Mexico City, Jan. 8. The Mexican Foreign Minister to-day handed to the Danish Minister here, who is acting on behalf of the British Legation, a cheque for £15,000, compensation in respect of British oil interests expropriated during the revolutionary period in Mexico, representing an annual instalment due under the Joint Claims Commission award.

Mexico is thus up to date with regard to her obligations, at present. Cheques were also handed to the French and Italian representatives in settlement of the Mexican Government's indebtedness for the current quarter.—Reuter.

Insurance Fund Rolls Up

San Francisco. California's system of requiring employers to put money into a state fund to insure their workers against injury or death in the course of their work is rapidly developing into "big business."

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